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Page 7 A: I then left that and went to Bridgeport, 121 Connecticut, where I worked-Q: I have no ruling from the Chairman which extends

pt that far back to 1983. MR. WEINSTEIN: We will do this as background and

helping to educate you on this witness' background. THE WITNESS: Then went to Bridgeport,

[8] Connecticut, in 1983, worked for Mayor Len Paoletta, ran his re-election campaign. After that, in early 1984, I moved to 1101 Delaware, where I was the executive director of the Reagan-[11] Bush campaign for about two months. Then I came down to 112) Washington where I was deputy regional campaign director for 1131 the Reagan-Bush campaign for the Northeast Region.

After the '84 election, I moved to the RNC where I [14] was the regional political director for New England. (1S) BY MR. ROBBINS: f161

Q: For what period of time?
A: 1985 to 1986. After the 1986 election, I resigned [17] (19) from the national committee in January or February and went [30] to work for Jack Kemp's campaign for President, 1987 through (2) 1988. After the election-

Q: Your position?

(22) A: I was the New Hampshire coordinator, then the Iowa - (23) [24] coordinator. Then after the election in 1988, I went to the (25) Department of Housing and Urban Development with Kemp as his

्रिं।। executive assistant and his chief of staff. I was there for [2] three years, and in early 1992, I resigned the Government (3) and I went to work for Tom Evans at a consulting firm, the (4) Evans Group.

Q: Doing what kinds of consulting?

· - [5] A: Loobying and consulting for mostly real estate A: Lobbying and consulting for mostly real estate p) issues. Then in early 1993, I resigned the Evans Group to come over to the national committee in probably February. · (81 [9]

Q: The Republican National Committee? A: The Republican National Committee.

Q: February of 1993?

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(111 A: That's right, after Haley was elected chairman, as [12] [13] the executive director, where I stayed through February 1, [14] 1995, when I resigned from the national committee and went 1151 to work for Bob Dole as his campaign manager, which ended [16] after the election. And then in December or January, last 117) year, I started Chesapeake Enterprises, which is my own (18) company here in town. [19]

Q: Who hired you as executive director of the RNC?

A: Haley Barbour. /20

Q: And did he explain to you what your obligations were, what your responsibilities were?

A: Well, as we negotiated what I was going to do, we (24) discussed that, yeah.

Q: And what were the responsibilities? [25]

A: I served as the chief operating officer for the committee, ran the day-to-day activities.

Q: As the chief operating officer of the RNC, was [3] your sole purpose, as you understood it, to serve the RNC? (4) [5]

A: Yes. Q: So everything that you did in that period of time was in service of the Republican National Committee? MR. WEINSTEIN: Are you saying the Republican National Committee or the chairman of the Republican

National Committee? [10]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Do you understand my question? 1123 A: Why don't you ask your question again?
MR. ROBBINS: Would you read back my question? [13] [14] [The reporter read back the requested portion of the record, ] (16) BY MR. ROBBINS: [17]

Q: Do you understand every word in the question that [19]

MR. PERRY: Well, let me note that I think that question may be misleading to some extent because you haven't constrained everything he did in the capacity of (23) being paid by the RNC rather than anything that may have [24] been in a personal capacity or some other capacity.
[25] BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Do you understand my question?

A: I don't understand.

Q: What word in it didn't you understand?

A: Well, let's hear it again and I'll tell you. The reporter read back the requested portion of

the record.)

MR. WEINSTEIN: Let me see if I can be a little

bit helpful. I think I know what you're getting at. He is hired by the chairman. The way it works is he's hired by

the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and so to

1111 some degree, his service is to the RNC and to the chairman 1121 of the RNC directly because the chairman of the RNC is his ina besa

MR. ROBBINS: Here's the thing, as I think you

[15] know. The reason that we asked him to testify rather than ing you was to get his answers to questions, as I'm sure you can [17] appreciate. And I think the committee probably is more interested for the moment in his testimony than in yours. [18]

BY MR. ROBBINS: (191 [20] Q: If there is a word in my question that you didn't understand, please tell me, Otherwise, would you answer my (2:)

A: I served at the pleasure of the chairman of the 1230 (24) committee.

Q: You served at the pleasure?

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A: Yeah. Q: Was your purpose to serve, to help him serve the

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A: My pleasure-I served at the pleasure of the

committee and at the pleasure of the chairman, who hired me.

Q: Did you do any personal work for Mr. Barbour?

Q: Did you help him with any of his outside work?

A: I don't know what outside-what are you talking about? (1CA

Q: Well, did you understand you were serving him in f1 11 [12] his capacity as chairman of the Republican Party?

A: Yes. [13]

Q: Was there some question in your mind that what you were doing during that period of time was working for the

Republican National Committee? A: No, there was no question.

[17] Q: That was absolutely clear to you? [18]

A: Yes.

[19] Q: Serving the purposes of the RNC; correct? 1201

A: And the chairman.

Q: Okay. And was there any work that you can think

of that you did for the chairman that was not also for the [24] purpose of helping the RNC?

A: No.

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Q: So everything that you can think of that you did (2) during that two-year period of time was helping the chairman serve the RNC or helping the RNC directly; correct?

A: Yeah, it was helping the RNC directly and helping the chairman.

Q: Did you ever seek to help the chairman do

something on behalf of some entity other than the RNC? MR. WEINSTEIN: See, that's complicated there, Mr.

Robbins, because the chairman serves, let's say, as an official of the International Democratic Union. The

Democratic Union, International Democratic Union is a group

of international political parties, and Mr. Reed might help the chair-the chairman also appeared at a whole variety of [14] functions, the Davos Economic Summit, all of these things

which are not RNC functions but in his capacity as the chairman, Mr. Barbour served as the honorary this or the

chairman, Mr. Balloon honorary that of a lot of things. BY MR. ROBBINS: (171

[18] Q: Who paid your salary? (19)

A: The Republican National Committee. (20)

Q: Did anybody other than the Republican National Committee pay your salary?

Q: Was it your understanding when you began working there, Mr. Reed, that you were going to be paid by the

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[1] Republican National Committee in return for services that you were going to provide to the Republican National A: Yes.

Q: And did that-is that what transpired?

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Q: All right. Did you report to anybody other than M the director-strike that-the chairman of the RNC?

Q: And who reported to you? I tot

A: The entire staff of the Republican National fttl

(12) Committee through the directors.

Q: Would you outline for me, who is relatively [13] ignorant of this, without exclusion of that limitation other [14] [15] things I'm ignorant of, what the structure of the RNC was? {147

A: There is an office of the co-chairman.

(170 Q: Who was the co-chairman or who were the co-(14) chairmen?

A: Jeannie Austin was. Then there was a political (198 1201 director, there was a communications director. [21]

Q: Who was the political director?

A: Robin Carl.

Q: I'm sorry. Keep going.

A: There was a communications director. There was-

Q: I'm sorry. Who was that?

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A: Chuck Greener. There was a general counsel or a ra legal counsel.

Q: And who was that?

A: Michael Hess.

Q: There was a director of member relations, which

was Larry Len Bertoccio. (6)

Q: Do you want to give a spelling for that, to the best of your ability?

A: Ber-to-ceio. There was a finance director, who was Albert Mitchler. There was a director of

[11] administration, which was Jay Banning. I think that was-(12) those are the major directors. (13

Q: And all of those reported to you? A: Yes.

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Q: And then they, of course, had staffs that reported 1157 jiej to them?

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Q: I wonder if you would be good enough to just (18) [19] briefly identify what the functions of these officers were. [20] The co-chairman was Jeannie Austin.

A: Was elected by the national committee.

Q: And what were her responsibilities? 122

A: She traveled the country and worked to promote

124 Republican policies and ideas, did fund-raisers for

25] candidates and parties, was not really involved in the day-

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(i) to-day operation of the committee.

Q: Political director.

A: Managed the field staff throughout the country and u did the politics of winning elections.

Q: Communications director.

A: Managed the overall communications and the press 17] operation for the national committee and coordinated it with state committees all over the country.

Q: General counsel.

A: Was our legal arms and eyes and ears on doing [11] everything legally throughout the committee.

Q: And he reported to you? (128

A: Yes.

[13] Q: And did he have anybody who worked with him on [14] (15) Staff?

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A: He had Allison. Tom Josefiak.

Q: Allison Fahrenkopf Brigati, who is here today. [17]

A: Had Tom Josefiak, and there were a number of other [19] lawyers. I don't remember all of them.

Q: The last spelling?

A: Josefiak? (21)

Q: Yes. [22]

[23] Q: And they were, all those three individuals-that 25 individual, Mr. Hess, and Ms. Brigati-were full-time?

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Q: And did you work with them generally in ensuring that the activities of the RNC during the period that you

A: To my knowledge, they were full-time.

worked as chief operating officer were in compliance with

the Federal election laws?

A: Yes.

Q: And how, structurally, did you do that?

A: Well, there were a number of different things. They were involved in all decisions that were made with

[10] funding going out to different candidates or state parties. [11] They were part of the check-off process. They were also [12] part of the-I know when we did direct mail it went through (13) a check-off process, which counsel was part of signing off [14] on. But basically they were part of any major decisions we

were making on the direction we were taking the committee, (15) Q: What role did they have in the National Policy [183

[17] Forum?

A: They didn't have a direct role in the National [10] 1191 Policy Forum, but as issues were coming forward, like when [20] we were lending money to the National Policy Forum, they [21] were on my side and part of making sure we were doing rea everything legality.

Q: Well, when you say they were on your side, why [24] don't you tell me everything you can remember doing with

iss anybody on the Legal staff? I'll obviously address-I think

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[1] Mr. Weinstein is concerned. I don't want to hear at all about communications that you had with these individuals, but tell me what role they played-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Are you talking about procedure,

[5] basically, Mr. Robbins?

MR. ROBBINS: For the moment, yeah; starting from the very beginning 171

MRI. WEINSTEIN: Very beginning of the first loan or very beginning of-I mean, I'm not sure beginning of 1101

MR. ROBBINS: Very beginning that the idea of the [11] (12) NPF arose

MR. WEINSTEIN: That assumes that Legal played a [14] role in every step of the way

BÝ MR. ROBBINS: (15)

Q: What role-tell me what role they did. If they [18] didn't play a role, don't make it up. Just tell me about [17] (is the role-

A: I'm not going to make anything up today, so you (20) don't have to insult me.

Q: No, I'm not insulting you. I'm just kind of 122 pointing out that I wouldn't be asking you a question about

123 something-

MR. WEINSTEIN: But my question isn't-I'm asking

251 you to clarify something, which is you have isolated at

[1] least two different functions. Number one is the idea that

created the NPF; there are the loans to the NPF; and there are various different aspects of this And I'm not sure that Legal played a role in every one.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes. And if it didn't, I'm simply

asking you-THE WITNESS: The part I was talking about that

Legal played a role in-

MR. RÓBBINS: I take your point.

THE WITNESS: -was when we were executing loan documents, they would review them.

MR. WEINSTEIN: If you want to ask him about other [12]

[13] aspects, picase do. [14] MR. ROBBINS: You're absolutely right. BY MA. ROBBINS:

្រែឡ Q: When was the first time that the Legal, the general counsel's office played any role at all, at all with [18] respect to NPF?

A: I can't remember.

[19 Q: What's the first role that you can remember them [21] playing? A: The first role I can remember is when we made the

123) ürst koan Q: Tell me what you remember. [24]

A: I remember as the documents, before they came to

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[4] [4] [5] M 1103 to the NPF, you transmitted it to the general counsel's office within the Republican National Committee for its [11] (12) approval? [139 A: Before it came to me, it went through the general counsel's office. [14] Q: Okay. Why don't you actually-well, all right. Were there meetings about the formation of the NPF within [16] RNC? [17]

Q: What's the first such meeting that you remember?

A: I don't really remember the first meeting because-

Chairman Barbour's plank that he ran on to become chairman

Q: My question actually is: What's the first meeting

MR. WEINSTEIN: Let me see if I-I think there may

[11] it, one of the things that he expressly stated that he Policy Forum? [14] A: That's correct. (157 (197 (20) [21] [22] [24] have been meetings prior to the RNC because this was part of

wanted to do was to create an entity like-which would provide the functions of what ultimately became the National Q: And what meetings or conversations, what work of any kind had been done on creating that before you arrived at the RNC-I think you said in February of 1993?
MR. WEINSTEIN: If you know. I mean—
THE WITNESS: I don't know. BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Are you aware of any-A: I'm not aware of anything besides that it was discussed, because I heard it discussed during the campaign. Q: In what fora did you hear it discussed?

that you do remember?

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Page 25 A: Well, it was written in the plank that Haley put (2) out why he was running, and I heard it discussed at the St. [3] Louis meeting where the election was. Q: There was a written plank that Mr. Barbour circulated. [5] A: It's called the Barbour Plan. [6] Q: The Barbour Plan. And in the Barbour Plan, there [7] is a description of creating a policy think tank? A: I believe so. [9] Q: Of the party creating such a think tank; correct? [10] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, I think it's a little bit [11] (12) looser than that. MR. ROBBINS: Well, you know what? Here's the [13] [14] thing. You may have a different memory than him, but I've [15] got to ask him the questions. MR. WEINSTEIN: I understand, but I wink it's [16] (17) important to recognize, and obviously the witness knows, (18) that there are some things that he can't speculate about or [19] things that might get confusing in terms of segmenting in [20] terms of time and documentation. But I don't want to [21] interrupt you. MR. ROBBINS: No, no. It's not a matter of my [23] sensibilities being offended. It's just simply a function [24] of the need to get his testimony rather-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Sure, because he's under oath Page 26 MR. ROBBINS: -than yours. That's right And the committee has these rules about witnesses testifying as [3] opposed to lawyers. THE WITNESS: Okay. So what was your question? MR. WEINSTEIN: Ask your next question. MR. ROBBINS: Why don't you ask my previous M [The reporter read back the requested portion of the record.) THE WITNESS: Yes. [10] BY MR. ROBBINS: [11] Q: Where did you first see a copy of that plan? [12] [13] Q: What were the circumstances? [14] A: That's where the election was going to be held? [15] Q: And it was circulated by Mr. Barbour? [16] A: By his campaign team. [17] Q: And did you ever see that again after St. Louis? [18] A: Yes, I did. (19) Q: Where? [50] A: I referred to it throughout, periodically. [21]

Q: Executive director. [25] A: Of the Republican National Committee. [1] Q: And under what circumstances would you refer to 2 (3) it? A: Periodically, I'd refer to it to make sure that I was executing everything we said we were going to execute [5]

Q: Throughout your tenure as chief operating officer

when we ran Q: And during the course of the two years that you [8] served as executive director of the RNC, you made repeated efforts to confirm that you were doing with the National 110 Policy Forum what Mr. Barbour had pledged to do in his (11) plank? 112

A: No. I reviewed the Barbour Plan periodically to [13] see if we were doing the wide range of things we said we were going to do when we were running for chairman.

Q: Did that include the NPF? [14] [15]

A: I was executive director.

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Q: And where did you keep a copy of it? A: I don't remember. Probably in my office

[19] somewhere. Q: And when you left your office at the RNC to go to [20] 1211

work for the Dole campaign, what happened to your files? A: I don't remember.

Q: Did you take any with you?

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Q: Did you take any document with you from whatever

[1] source that related to the NPF?

A: I took no documents that related to the RNC or the OJ NPE

Q: When was the last time that you saw any documents relating to the NPF? [5]

A: When we were preparing for the deposition today. Q: Okay. When was the time before that that you saw Ø them? 

A: I don't remember. Years ago.

Q: In the last six months, other than Mr. Weinstein [10] or anybody with Foley & Lardner, has anybody sent you copies [12] of any documents related to NPF?

A: No. [13]

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Q: Have you seen them anyplace?

A: I've seen things in the paper. I don't know if 115 they were actual documents or-I think I may remember seeing 116 177 a photo of a document or something with NPF.

Q: Other than your counsel, have you had any [18] conversation with anybody about the NPF over the last six 115

20 months? A: No.

[21] Q: There is not a single human being other than your 22 231 counsel and your wife-

A: I probably have talked to some of my business 25 associates that I-why I am doing-going through the

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[1] deposition, that it regards NPF. Q: Who? Which individuals? Ž.

A: Clients of mine. I don't need to-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Why is that relevant, sir?

MR. ROBBINS: Well, conversations that you had about NPF are obviously relevant.

MP, WEINSTEIN; Well, but those conversations are

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clearly out of the time frame.

MR. AOBBINS: I don't think so, but you can give

(10) any instruction that you-[11] MR. WEINSTEIN: I think that with regard to any

12 conversations he had with people in the scope of this last [13] six months-MR. ROBBINS: About the NPF, you think that's [14]

outside-that's going to be outside the scope of appropriate (15 inquiry?

MR. WEINSTEIN: But I'm not-depending on what the [17] topic is, absolutely.

MFL POBENS: NPF I'm just asking about your [18]

116 NPF-related conversations. 20

MR. WENSTEIN: But, I mean, what about NPF?
MR. ROBBINS: Anything about NPF.

MR. WEINSTEIN: See, I don't think anything about

pay NPF is covered. MR. ROBBINS: You're entitled to your opinion.

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[1] I'm going to ask the question and let's do it on the record. THE WITNESS: All right.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Have you had conversations with individuals other [5] than your counsel and your wife about NPF over the last six months?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to object to that question and direct the witness not to answer unless it's more specified in a way that brings it clearly within the no committee's mandate.

MR. ACEBINS: NPF is within the committee's mandate.

IR. WEINSTEIN: Well, no, not necessarily, sir. I [14] don't think every aspect of NPF is-

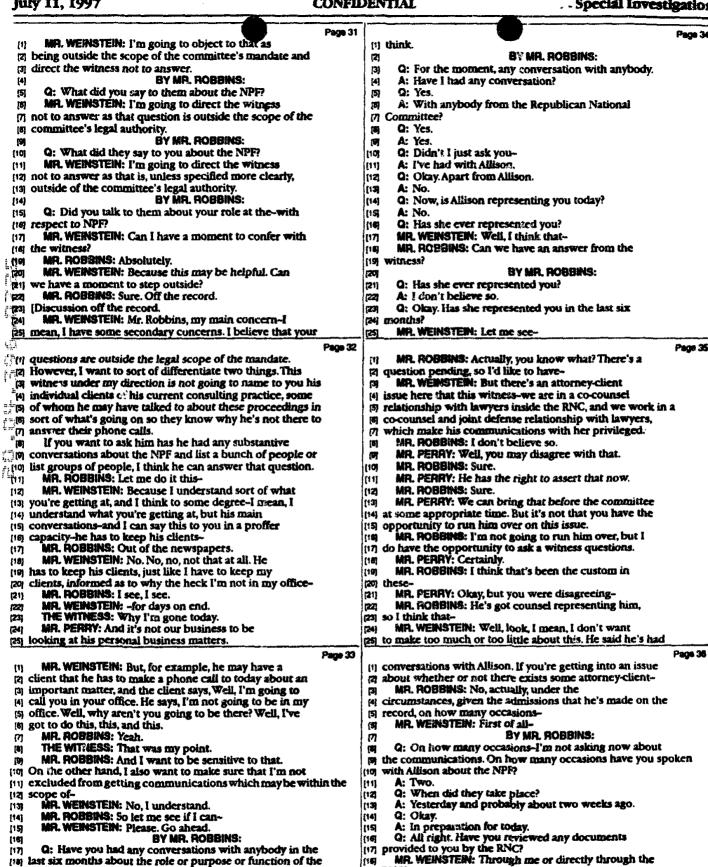
MR. ROSSINS: I'm not going to argue with you, but 156 you can have an instruction as many times as you'd like.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: You indicated earlier there were individuals with [15] whom you did speak about NPF; correct? Did you say that on [19] the record before? 50

A: Yes. MR. WEINSTEIN: You can answer that question. THE WITNESS: Yes.

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: How many such individuals were there?



Q: Did you review any documents?

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Q: Which documents did you review?
MR. WEINSTEIN: First of all, I think that's

MR. ROBBINS: Review of documents.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

[19] RNC

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Q: Have you had any conversation with any former

official or employee of the Republican Party about NPF?
MR. WEINSTEIN: You mean aside with counsel?

[24] Because Ms. Brigati is an employee of the Republican Party.
[25] MR. ROBBINS: Well, I'll take it step by step, I

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Page 37 [1] covered by the attorney-client privilege. MR. ROBBINS: You make whatever instruction you [2] [3] like. MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to direct the witness [4] is not to answer as it's covered by the attorney-client privilege. BY MR. ROBBINS: Ø Q: When did Mr. Weinstein commence representing you? [4] A: I don't know, four or five weeks ago, six weeks 19 (10) ago. i don't know. Q: So that would be roughly-[11] A: I'm sure I have a letter in my files. 1123 Q: And that letter would reflect the commencement of [13] 114) the representation? You have to say yes or no. A: Yes. [15] Q: Okay. So that would be roughly June 1st? [16] A: It may have been late May. I don't remember. [17] Q: Okay Did you ever have-did you have any 118 118, conversation with any official or employee of the RNC prior 120 to June-between January 1, 1997, and June 1, 1997, about 1211 NPF? MR. WEINSTEIN: I think he's already answered [22] (23) that. MR. ROBBIMS: I'm going to ask the question. [24] THE WITNESS: Yes. [25]

Page 36 BY MR. ROBBINS:

A: Allison. 31 Q: I think you said earlier-I may be wrong-that you is had two conversations with Allison. One was yesterday, the (8) other was two weeks ago. Was that your testimony? A: That's right. It was-(7) Q: That would be-A: -whenever we started this process because Allison [10] was at the first meeting, I believe. Q: And that would be, unless my math is wrong, [11] (12) subsequent to June 1, 1997. So my question to you is-A: No, it was after June 1st. O: So my question to you is: Between January 1, [14] [15] 1997, and June 1, 1997, have you had any communication with any official or employee of the RNC about the National 1183 [17] Policy Forum?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to object as asked and [16] (19) answered. MR. ROBBINS: You may object. He may answer. 20 THE WITNESS: I talked to Allison whenever we [21] [22] started doing this. If it was after June 1st, it was after

[23] June 1st, and the answer would be no. BY MR. ROBBINS: (24)

Q: Have you had any conversation with any former

[1] employee or former official of the RNC? MR. WEINSTEIN: During what time period and about [2] what? [3] BY MR. ROBBINS: [4] Q: Since January 1, 1997, about the NPF. (51 A: Say your question again? Q: Have you had any conversation with any former m

official or employee of the RNC about the National Policy [8] (e) Forum? A: About the National Policy Forum specifically? [10]

Q: No, not specifically. Which in any way, sir,

112) related to the National Policy Forum?

A: Yes, I have. [13] Q: Who? [14]

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Q: Okay. Who?

A: I had a conversation with Kirk Blalock, who now [18] works for Philip Morris, that I was going to be coming and [17] doing a deposition.

Q: Who else?

[10] (19) A: I don't remember anybody else. Kirk worked with no me in the office.

Q: I'm sorry? [21]

A: Kirk worked with me in the office.

izsi I don't remember anybody else.

Q: What did he say to you, what did you say to him, (25) about the NPF?

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      A: I told him that I had counsel through Mr.
 [2] Weinstein and that I was going to go give a volunteer
 (2) deposition.
      Q: Did you talk about what the subject matter of the
 [5] deposition was!
      A: No.
      Q: I am asking you, is there any other former
 pe official or former employee of the Republican National
   Committee that you have spoken to about the RNC between
(10) January 1, 1997 and-
      MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Robbins, that he has spoken to
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   about the RNC?
      THE WITNESS: Spoken to about the RNC?
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      MR. ROBBINS: Fair enough.
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                            BY MR. ROBBINS:
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      Q: Is there any former official or former employee
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   with the RNC with whom you have spoken about the NPF between
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114 January 1, 1997 and June 1, 1997 other than this individual?
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      MR. WENSTEN: Other than Mr. Blalock?
      MR. ROBBINS: Yes.
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      THE WITNESS: No.
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                            BY MR. ROBBINS:
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Q: Have you spoken to any official or former official [4] pay of the NPF since January 1, 1997? A: About the NPF or just in general? 4

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A: Yes, I have. A, Q: Who? A: Don Nickles, Senator Nickles, I ran into him on an airplane. (5) Q: Who else? A: That's it. I ran into Brock once on an airplane,

too, Bill Brock, and neither time did we discuss the NPF. Q: What was former Senator Brock's role at the NPF?

A: I believe he was on the board. 110

Q: What was Senator Nickles' role in the NPF? [++] A: I believe he was on the board. [12]

Q: Did you work with him when you were executive [13] (14) director of the RIVC on NPF matters?

A: With who? (15) Q: Senator Nickles. (14) (17)

Q: In general.

A: No.

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Q: You had no contact with him with respect to NPF work?

A: Zero.

Q: Have you spoken to Jay Banning since January 1, **[21]** [22] 1997

A: I may have. I know my office called Jay the other Ru day, and I didn't talk to Jay. My office did, to confirm as the day. I wanted to know what day I had left the national

Page 42 [1] committee, and she told me, out of my personnel records.
[2] MR. WEINSTEIN: Do you want to ask who Mr. Banning

is, so that will give you-MR. ROBBINS: Director of Administration.

THE WITNESS: Yes, at the RNC I don't think I talked to Jay. I think I talked

(7) to his assistant.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Have you spoken to Haley Barbour since January 1, 1997? [10]

A: I think I ran into Haley at a reception one night, [12] casually, I said hello. That was it.

Q: No conversation about the NPF?

A: No. [14]

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Q: Have you spoken to Henry Barbour since January 1,

(1g 1997? A: No. [17]

Q: Have you spoken to Michael Baroody since January 1, 1997?

A: No. 1201

Q: Have you spoken to Benton Becker since January 1, [21]

1997? (22)

A: I don't know who Benton Becker is. (23) Q: Have you spoken to-you mentioned Kirk Blalock-John Bolton since January 1, 1997?

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[1]	] A: No.		[1]	A: To my knowledge, he was never paid by the National	-9-10
(2)	Q: Have you spoken to Mark Braden?			olicy Forum.	
(3)	A: No.		[3]	Q: So he was doing-	
[4]			[4]	A: But I wouldn't have knowledge of that.	
[5]		• -	(5)	Q: To your knowledge?	
[6]			[6]	A: To my knowledge, he wasn't, but i-	
(7)		4 15 4 4 4	(7)	Q: To your knowledge, he was fund-raising for the	
[8]	Strong 4			lational Policy Forum while being paid by the Republican	
(9)		't remember what it		lational Committee?	
[10]		3		A: To my knowledge, he was the chairman of the	
	A AL		[10 <b>]</b>	ational committee.	
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[12]	O. She was the spekermone for the	FID: (()	[12]	Q: That, I knew.	
[13]	A 9 40 4	Į-	[13]	A: He was paid by the national committee. He did a	
[14]		at a STDC at an		ot of travel. He did a lot of fund-raising for	
(15)		the last that		rganizations and for State parties and for candidates.	
	you knew of when you were at the RNC?		[16]	Q: And one of the organizations for which he did	
[17]		į į	[17] fu	ind-raising was the National Policy Forum?	
[18]		nce January 1,   [1	[14]	A: That's correct, as his role as chairman.	
[19]	1997?	ls:	[19]	G: As his role of chairman of the National Policy	
[20]		l'a	201 Fc	OLIM).	
(21)		l <sup>-</sup>	21]	A: That is correct.	
[22]		į."	22	Q: Did he do it in his capacity as chairman of the	
[23]		( =		epublican National Committee?	
[24]	A: Yes.		[24]	A: I think it's difficult to differentiate when he	
				vas wearing his RNC chairman hat and his NPF hat.	
<u>[25]</u>	W. WHO IS DON PROCES		a w	AS MERLING HIS KING CHARLESON DAY SHOLDS MALL HEST.	
9		Page 44		P	age 47
[1]	A: Don Fierce is a friend of mine.	i	[1]	Q: Why is that difficult to differentiate for you?	-
(4)	Q: Have you had any conversation wit	h him which in	7	A: Because I didn't manage his day, down to what he	
[3]	any way touched on or related to the NP			as doing.	
[4]		i '	[4]	Q: To your knowledge, did he in any way segregate his	
		i i		les for NPF for his work on behalf of NPF in the work that	
, (e)	A: I ran into him on the street a couple				
	A: I ran into him on the street a couple ago.	li .		e was doing generally as chairman of the Republican	
្តហ	ago.			fational Committee?	
[8]	Q: Have you spoken to him in any res		[8]	A: Did he segregate his files? I don't know. I	
لها يُ	NPF?	1	(a) OF	idn't keep his files.	
[10]	A: No.		10	Q: Who were his assistants when you were executive	
[11]	Q: How about Laruny Griffith?	[[1	113 <b>di</b> i	irector of the RNC?	
[12]	A: I haven't spoken to him this year.	(ני	12]	MRI. WEINSTEIN: Do you mean who was in the	
[13]	Q: How about Kelly Geisnier?	ן נו	139 ch	hairman's office?	
[14]	MR. WEINSTEIN: Geisnier.	***************************************	14]	MR. ROBBINS; Yes.	
[15]	THE WITNESS: I spoke to her probably	three or	15]	THE WITNESS: Sanford McAllister was his executive	
[16]	four months ago. I had a potential piece of	f business for	(4) AS	sistant. Kirk Blalock was his personal traveling aide,	
[17]	her.	(1	17) an	nd a woman named Pam was his scheduler for the first part.	<b>.</b>
[18]	BY MR. ROBBIN	<b>IS:</b>   [t	tes Su	izanne Scruggs became the scheduler for the second year,	
[19]	<b>△</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	(1	19) an	nd then Barbara was involved. I don't remember Barbara's	
[20]	A: She's a friend. She's a fund-raiser.	12	20) jas	st name. She was his typist, and Molly answered the	
[21]				lephone.	
227	Forum?		227	BY MR. ROBBINS:	
[23]			239	Q: Have you had any conversation with Scott Gunn	
	- 10 1		241 eis	nce January 1, 1997?	
24)				A: Scott Gunn?	
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		Page 45		Pi	2ge 48
[1]	G: When did she start doing fund-misi	ng for the	[3]	Q: Yes.	
[2]	National Policy Forum?		[2]	A: Yes.	
[3]	# . # .#			Q: Did it touch in any respect on NPF?	
[4]				A: No.	
(5)	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	-		Q: How about William Harris?	
	Q: Did you work with her in that regar			A: No conversation since this year.	
				Q: Barbara Harrison?	
(7)				A: The new co-chairman, Barbara Harrison?	
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(0)				Q: Did Barbara Harrison raise money for the NPF? Was	
[10]			•	ere a fund-raiser for the NPF named Barbara Harrison?	
	the NPF?	[1]		A: I don't know.	
(12)			•	THE WITNESS: What is the co-chairman's name now?	
	and left to go work for the NPF So I knew			MS. BRIGATI: Beth.	
[14]	going.	[0-	•	THE WITNESS: I don't know. Wrong person.	
(19			ış	BY MR. ROBBINS:	
[16]	A: I believe. I'm not sure if she came in			Q: Chris Hennick?	
[17]	the NPF, but I thought she worked for us			A: I ran into Hennick about three weeks ago at a	
[18]	Q: Was there anybody on the payroll o	f the RNC who	<b>8</b> 500	cial event.	
(19)	did any fund-raising work for the National	Policy Forum?	9	Q: Any reference at all to the NPF?	
(20)	A: Yeah, Haley.	[21		A: No, none.	
(Z1)		124	-	Q: Ken Hill?	
[22]			•	A: No contact.	
22	Q: Was Haley Barbour at the time that		-	Q: Mark Himmelstein?	
				A: No contact.	
[24]	CIC INDIVISION WOLK HE USE LANDOUS LAND		-		
	the fund-raising work for the National Policy Fe your knowledge, by the National Policy Fe		•	Q: Kip Howlett?	

CONFIDENTIAL Page 49 [1] money already in existence?

A: I think I saw him at a reception earlier in the [2] year.

Q: Who was Kip Howlett?

A: Kip is a lobbyist here in town. He works for the 141 [5] Chemical Manufacturers

Q: He had a role at NPF?

A: He had a role at NPF at some period. I don't [8] remember exactly when. That's how I knew him.

Q: I had begun asking you about the first meeting 1101 that you could remember that related in any way to the [11] National Policy Forum, and you said that you couldn't [12] remember the first meeting. You felt there had been some [13] stuff that happened before you got to the RNC.

A: Right, to the RNC.

[14] Q: What work did you do that related to the NPF while [16] you were on the payroll of the Republican National Committee? (17)

A: I didn't do any work directly for the NPE I 1161 worked for the chairman, and I would advise the chairman at [20] different times on what was going on at the NPF, from my [21] observation, because we were lending them money, start-up money to get the organization going.

Q: Did you have conversations with Mr. Barbour on a

124) regular basis about the NPF?

MR. WEINSTEIN: What time period, Counsel?

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BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: While you were at the Republican National Committee.

A: I don't know how-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Two-year time period?

MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

THE WITNESS: I don't know how you would define a regular basis. I had numerous conversations with him throughout the day on a number of issues. I don't remember 10 how many times NPF was discussed or not discussed. [11]

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Well, would you talk to him every time the NPf spoke to someone at the RNC about infusion of money?

A: He would know every time there was going to be a [14] [15] loan that was made to the NPF, yes, because before I did it, [16] I talked with him about it.

Q: So, before you approved infusion of money into the [17] [18] NPF, you would speak to him?

[19] A: If I could find him. There may have been one or two instances where I did it without his knowledge because [20] he was incommunicado, but I would always tell him before what I was going to do with lending money, as I did with all 1221 commitments financially. [23]

Q: Sure And as a general matter, I take it you will [24] (25) agree, that each and every time-as a general matter-the

[1] NPF came to the RNC for money, you would speak to Haley Barbour about it? [2]

A: Yes.

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[3] Q: How would you find out that the NPF wanted money?

A: Gees, I don't-either somebody would call me or I is think it ultimately got to the point where somebody would [7] call Jay Banning, who was our administrative director, as I explained earlier, and he would come across and tell me.

Q: Who were the somebodies who would call you? (9) A: Well, it would be somebody in the leadership over [10] [11] there. It may have been Baroody. It may have been Denning. 127 I don't remember, but it would have been one of the people (13) that were in the leadership.

[14] Q: They would send you a memo, come over and talk to

[15] you, call you up? How did that work?

[16] A: As I remember, we developed some type of loan [17] documents that were fairly standard that we would use every [18] time we would give them a loan.

Q: At whose instructions were those documents (19)

(20) prepared?

[21] A: I don't remember. I mean, it was somebody. You know, it was either the counsel's or the chairman's or mine. 221 Somebody said we had to have some documents. 1231

Q: Let me ask you this. When you arrived at the RNC, [24] [25] were these standard loan documents to process the flow of

A: I don't believe so. This was something we did. Q: So, when you say something we did, something either done at your direction or somebody who worked for you, there were loan documents which were created to process

the regular flow of money? (8) 171

A: Correct.

Q: Where were those documents kept?

MR. WEINSTEIN: You mean aside from on a computer? MR. AOBBINS: Actually, by where, I mean just

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MR. WEINSTEIN: After they were executed?

MR. ROBBINS: I guess that was one of those words [14] that sort of speaks for itself. I am looking sort of for a

location kind of a thing

THE WITNESS: Probably with Mr. Banning in (161 Administration, but possibly a copy for counsel. I'm not [17] (16) sure. They weren't in my office.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: So let me see if I understand this. There would be some contact that went from the NPF to the RNC requesting [21] money, correct? 221

(53) A: Correct.

Q: And somebody, either Denning or Baroody, probably

[25] would speak to you about it?

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A: Usually.

Q: Would they tell you why they needed the money?

A: At times, usually. [3]

Q: Was that your custom and practice to at least try to ascertain-153

A: I would usually ask why.

Q: -ascertain the purposes for which they needed the

money? 181

A: Uh-huh.

Q: You have to say yes or no, please. 1101

A: Yes. It was usually for payroll.

Q: They would explain to you that as the chief (12) executive officer, the executive director of the RNC, why [13] (14) they needed money, whether it was to meet payroll or to meet

other certain specific expenses? [15]

A: Usually, they would. That's correct. Q: Based on the NPF telling you why they needed money 1177 is and for what purposes, you would make a determination as to is whether or not the RNC would go ahead and-

A: Make that loan, correct.

Q: -make that additional loan.

Was there ever any time when the National Policy

Forum asked the RNC for more money when you declined?

A: I don't remember. I believe there were a couple

of times they asked for money and we didn't give them the

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[1] full amount, but I don't specifically remember when or why. There must have been a reason.

Q: Can you think of any occasion when they asked for money when you didn't give them the amount that they wanted?

A: No, but I believe it happened once or twice. I don't believe we gave them 100 percent of what they asked every time. 77

Q: Now, Mr. Weinstein raises inadvertently a good point, which is are any of these forms, to you knowledge-

MR. ROBBINS: Well, let me ask you. Are any of these forms on the computers at the RNC now?

[11] MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't know, but I can find out [12] (13)

MR. AOBBINS: Yes. I assume that that would be within the scope of the document requests that have been [15] (16) made

MR. WEINSTEIN: Document requests or request by (17) this Committee? We received your subpoena from this Committee, and I am not sure-I'm thinking of three (19) different things at the same time. What I really need to do [21] is find out from you if those documents were in existence on the computer, and I will find out. [22]

MR. ROBBINS: Okay, because it should go without saying that any computer-generated information, computer information of any kind related to the NPF would be within

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(i) the ambit of the documents that we would seek MR. WEINSTEIN: That is your opinion. I mean, I

certainly recognize that your view is that any documentation pertaining to the NPF is within the legal scope of the

Committee's mandate.

MR. ROBBINS: And that that would include-by

information, that includes anything which is on a computer. М

MR. WEINSTEIN: I mean, we are in agreement-

MR. ROBBINS: Okay. [9]

MR. WEINSTEIN: -that if it is within the scope

1101 [11] of the Committee.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes, sure.

MR. WEINSTEIN: The fact that it is on a computer [13]

is certainly no bar to its production.
MR. ROBBINS: Right. [14]

MR. WEINSTEIN: We are totally in agreement-[16]

MR. ROBBINS: Okay. [17]

MR. WEINSTEIN: -on that. [18]

Where we either have no knowledge or disagree is I [19] am not sure what was on the computer, although I can (21) certainly find out.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes. If it is within the scope, i 1721 first that even if it is a stone tablet, we would like it. MR. WEINSTEIN: Even if there are boxes kept in a [24]

[25] storage area in the men's room that are inadvertently

Page 56  $\{i\}_{[1]}$  discovered by a lawyer at 2:00 a.m. when he is in the middle of a document search, they are within the scope of your ja review, and that that has, in fact, been done.

Where we don't agree is whether or not they are within the legal right of the Committee, simply because they es mention NPF, and that is maybe where we have a legal in disagreement, but certainly the fact that something is on [8] e-mail or on computer does not take it-does not make it in different than if it is a piece of paper in somebody's

(10) files. MR. ROBBINS: Well, let me ask you this Are [12] there documents which mention NPF in any way at all which [13] are being withheld at present?

MR. WEINSTEIN: Being withheld? [14]

MA. ROBBINS: Yes. [15]

MR. WEINSTEIN: I wouldn't say they are being [17] withheld. I would say that there are documents which

mention NPF which are not viewed by the RNC to be within the

[19] mandate of the Committee's legal authority. MR. ROBBINS: Well-(20)

MR. WEINSTEIN: "Withheld" is a different word. (21)

Our view is-[22]

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MA. AOBBINS: I don't want-

MR. WEINSTEIN: -more appropriate that you don't

[25] have the legal authority to even get them.

MR, ROBBINS: Well, this is useful. Have you (1) 27 conducted a search to determine whether or not there are

(2) computer records that relate to-MR. WEINSTEIN: But I'm not supposed to be

(5) answering the questions.

MR. PERRY: This is not really part of the deposition

MR. WEINSTEIN: We can go off the record. MR. ROBBINS: No, no, no. I want to jeave it on [10] [11] the record.

MR, WEINSTEIN: Well, wait a minute. We'll talk [12]

[13] about this afterwards.
[14] MR. ROBBINS: For the moment, I'm asking because I [15] understand that-

MR, WEINSTEIN: Yes.
MR, ROBBINS: -there's been representation that [17] ing the compliance with the outstanding document request is complete. Has there been a search of computer records to [20] determine whether or not there are any documents within the [21] scope of the request?

AR, WERISTÉIN: Yes.

MR. ROBBINS: Okay And have you identified any [23]

[24] such-

MA. WEINSTEIN: Allison is looking at me. I am

in comfortable in all of the statements that I made, but there

[2] is a legal issue that you and I disagree on, and we can take that up after the deposition. I mean, that's sort of where

we are going to leave it.

MR. SHAW: This is Mr. Reed's deposition.

MR. ROBBINS: Oh, I understand, but I am sure that

you are as interested in getting these documents as I am.

MR. SHAW: Of course.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Sir, I'm done commenting on this issue. I think we've given you a full and complete analysis [101 of what I have said to you, everything I intend to say on [12] this issue.

MR. ROBBINS: Okay. [13] [14]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

G: Let me ask you this, Mr. Reed. Let me go back [15] me over the process by which the NPF would make these requests. 117) You would receive typically a phone call from Mr. Denning or

[10] Mr. Baroody?

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A: I believe so, yes.

Q: And they would explain verbally to you that they 20

wanted more money? [21]

(22) A: Yes.

Q: What would you then do, typically? (23)

A: I would then discuss it with the chairman and (24)

psj notify Mr. Banning to develop a new set of documents to go

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[1] to NPF to be signed, so that a check could follow.

Q: Did you require, typically, any kind of written

m description of why-

A: No. (4)

Q: -the money was needed?

A: Not that I remember, no.

Q: At any time, did you, that you can remember,

require the NPF to set forth in written form why they needed money?

A: Not that I remember, no. 1101

Q: Did you-[11]

A: I was managing the committee at the time. Q: I understand. Did you ever do that? [12]

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A: Did I ever do what?

Q: Did you ever ask the NPF to provide any written

description what they were doing and the purposes for which [16] they needed money? (17)

A: I don't remember I did, no. I don't believe I [18]

did. (193

Q: Do you have any knowledge that anybody else at the 1201 RNC did? 1211

A: Not that I'm aware of.

(22) Q: To you knowledge, did the NPF ever set forth in [23 writing in connection with these requests for money the

purposes for which it needed the money?

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A: I do not remember.

Q: You have no recollection of it at the moment?

A: I have no recollection. That's right.

Q: At any time, did the RNC request of the National

Policy Forum a description of what it was doing?

A: I don't believe so.

Q: At any time, did the Republican National Committee deem it necessary to get any kind of written description of the purposes to which the National Policy Forum was putting

ug the money?

A: I don't remember having anything in writing on [11] (12) that, no.

Q: Now, did you have a file on National Policy Forum? 113 [14]

A: I don't believe so, no.

Q: Did you ever receive any written communication that you can remember from the National Policy Forum?

A: I would occasionally see things that were on their [18] way to the chairman that would be copied to me, either

ing inadvertently or advertently. Q: Of what nature?

7207 A: For his sign-off. Things like an agenda for a

meeting, some of the written material early on, but I did [23] not have a file and I did not-was not regularly in the loop [24] On it.

Q: At any time, did you ask anybody at the National

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[9] Policy Forum to provide an accounting of what they were doing with all the money that was being provided by the RNC (3) to the National Policy Forum?

A: I don't remember if I asked for a specific

[5] accounting. I do remember I had a rough understanding of what the payroll was burning, which was most of the money that was being spent, but I don't remember if I asked for a specific-I don't remember. (8)

Q: Well, for the record, you had a rough

(10) understanding of-

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A: What the payroll was for.

Q: -what the payroll was for, but did you ever 1121 [13] ask-did the RNC as creditor ever ask the National Policy [14] Forum as debtor for a specific description of what it was (15) doing with all of the money that was being provided to it? [16]

A: I don't remember that, no.

Q: Did you ever ask the National Policy Forum for a (iii) specific written request for money?

A: Repeat the question? Did I ever?

[19] [20] Q: Did you ever ask the National Policy Forum for a [21] written request for-

A: I may have. [22]

Q: -the additional money?

A: I may have earlier in the process as we were

125] developing a process on how we were going to operate with

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(1) the loans. I don't remember.

Q: Do you have any recollection ever having done so?

A: I don't remember.

Q: Did you ever see, that you can remember, any [5] written request that the National Policy Forum was obliged to send over to the RNC for cash? (6)

[7] A: I do not remember.

Q: So the National Policy Forum's request for money and your approval of it prior to its being sent for

processing would all occur without any paper; is that fair 1101 [11] to say?

A: That's fair to say, but you missed a step there (12)[13] because I would talk to the chairman about it before it went [14]

to processing. Q: Okay. So-[15]

A: An important step. [16]

Q: Fair enough. The National Policy Forum would 1177 contact you verbally and say it wanted more money, right? [18]

A: Uh-huh. [19]

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Q: You have to say yes or no.

Needed more money. That is correct. (21)

Q: Needed more money [22]

You would talk to the chairman? [23]

A: That is correct.

Q: And you would approve it?

A: That is correct.

[1] Q: All of those steps happening without any

documentation at all? (3)

A: To the best of my recollection. [4]

Q: What I have said is correct?

A: Correct. (6)

Q: As we sit here, you have no recollection of

anybody at the RNC ever requiring anything in writing from the National Policy Forum before you and the chairman

(10) approve an infusion of more money?

A: There may have been a time where the loan [11]

documents got to Mr. Banning before somebody got to me, but [12]

[13] that's the only instance I can think of.

Q: Apart from what may or may not have occurred, you [15] have no recollection of any time when the National Policy Forum was required to provide anything in writing to you or [16] [17] Mr. Barbour before you approved the infusion of more money?

A: That's correct. I have no recollection.

(16) Q: That's correct, you have no recollection of any [19]

such written documentation-(501

A: Documents. [21]

[22] Q: -being required?

A: That's correct. (23)

Q: By documentation, I mean any kind of description [24] 25 at all of what the money was going to go for, right?

A: That's correct.

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[1] Q: Now, you would then communicate-I take it, the

process was that after you consulted with Mr. Barbour or you

just did it on your own if you couldn't reach Mr. Barbour,

you would then give directions to the General Counsel's

Office to prepare the loan documentation?

A: No. I'd give directions to Mr. Banning's office.

Q: Excuse me. You'd give direction-(6)

A: To prepare the loan documents.

Q: And would you do that in writing or-(fQt [11]

A: No. I'd just call him and say do it.

Q: Would you tell him what the money was going to be 1121 [13] used for?

A: No.

[15] Q: Would you necessarily know what the money was its going to be used for?

1171 A: I would have a rough idea that most of the money was being used for payroll [10]

Q: Apart from that rough idea, did you have any

(18 (20) specific knowledge of what was going on?

Q: But you knew that the National Policy Forum was 22 something to which the chairman was committed, correct? (23)

A: Correct.

Q: And that if a determination had been made, that it

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[1] was desirable for the RNC to provide money to the National

23 Policy Forum, correct?
23 A: "Desirable" may not be the right word. It wasn't

very desirable.

Q: Was it undesirable?

A: It was necessary to get the National Policy Forum up and running. We supplied the seed money [7]

Q: Fine. So there was a determination made by you and the chairman or the chairman that it was necessary for [10] the RNC to provide this money to the National Policy Forum?

A: That is correct.

Q: Necessary for the RNC or necessary for the

[13] National Policy Forum? [14]

A: Necessary for the National Policy Forum.
Q: Obviously, the RNC wasn't under any legal

obligation to provide the money? (16] 1177

A: We were under no legal obligation.

Q: So, I take it, we can agree that the RNC, through [18] 119 its chairman and through you, determined that there was some purpose that aided the RNC in providing the money to the National Policy Forum?

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A: It was a purpose that aided one of the chairman's 23 goals which was to start a think tank to promote Republican [24] ideas.

Q: As set forth in his campaign to be chairman of the

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[1] Republican National Committee, right?

A: Correct.

Q: And you understood that you were serving him in that capacity, correct?

Q: Now, Mr. Banning-what is your understanding of

what Mr. Banning does?

A: He's the director of Administration.

Q: I'm sorry. What was your understanding he then does when you call him and say do it?

A: He would work with his accounting team, whoever (12)

that was, to prepare the documents.

Q: What documents? When you speak about documents, what documents?

[14] A: The loan documents between the national committee and NPF (16)

Q: Consisting of what?

A: Consisting of whatever legal relationship on the [18] (19) specific loan had been set up, that they would be liable to the RNC for the money. He would prepare the documents. They would probably go through counsel, then to me to be [21] [22] executed, and by the time they were done there, he would

have a checkout or a wire transfer at the NPF. Q: Would you tell him in your conversation with him

25 how much the loan was to be?

[11] [13] 1141 [15] (16) [17] the agenda. Q: I'm talking about written agendas. [20]

A: Uh-huh. [Nodding head up and down.] (21)

Q: You have to answer yes or no. [22] [23]

Q: You would prepare them? A: I would prepare for the chairman ideas that I [21] and that was what my job was to follow. I knew there was an 122 issue about foreign subsidiaries wanting to contribute to

Q: How did you know that there were American

[24] give them direction on what to do about it.

the National Policy Forum, like Toyota, which he needed to

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Page 73 [1] subsidiaries of foreign corporations who wanted to give [2] money to the National Policy Forum? A: I don't remember. I don't remember if somebody brought it to my attention or if it was just a common-sense political issue that ought to be brought to his attention, [6] which is what I did a lot of. Q: Was it your understanding that American 7 subsidiaries of foreign corporations would be an American source of money or foreign source of money? 191 MR. WEINSTEIN: I think this calls for a legal [10] [11] conclusion. MR. ROBBINS: I am not asking any question about (12) [13] MR. WEINSTEIN: But you are, in a sense. I mean, [14] [15] if you want to try to rephrase that, maybe we can-how about this? If you make two or three shorter questions, maybe we can get to where you want to go, in a way that doesn't ask [17] him to become a lawyer. [18] MR. ROBBINS: It's in such a conciliatory spirit [19] that I cannot turn that down. [20] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, we are here voluntarily. [21] MR. ROBBINS: But under oath. 122 MR. WEINSTEIN: Most definitely. 1231 BY MR. ROBBINS: [24] Q: So let me ask you, was it your understanding-I'm

Q: Any legal counsel, any lawyer. [1] A: Well, I was under the impression that the National Policy Forum had counsel, and I knew the RNC had counsel. Q: My question was, do you have knowledge-or at least I think it was, at least I hope it was-of any occasion in which legal counsel was utilized in connection with the activities of the National Policy Forum? MR. WEINSTEIN: That's different than the first one. You're saying did NPF ever get legal counsel with regard to anything, or did NPF get legal counsel with regard to an opinion on this specific issue? This question is 1111 (12) different than the previous one. BY MR. ROBBINS: 1131 Q: Did the National Policy Forum ever utilized [14] counsel, to your knowledge, with respect to its fund-raising (15] activities, period? A: They utilized counsel in respect to how they תוו operated. [18] Q: Who? [19] A: I'm not-Linda Long was the counsel. I'm not sure [20] [21] what firm she's with. I think her name is Linda Long. Q: Did you ever communicate with Linda Long? 22 A: Not regarding NPF, specifically. She was somebody 123 1241 I knew. [25] Q: Well, did you ever communicate with her regarding Page 74 Page 77

[1] not asking you to give me a legal opinion because you're not (2) a lawyer, I take it, and you're not here as an expert. Your of understanding was that only American subsidiaries of foreign [4] corporations could contribute, as distinct from foreign [5] corporations themselves? MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't think this is relevant. I am going to direct the witness not to answer that question. 7 MR. ROBBINS: All right. That's creative, and m it's appropriate, then, under the circumstance. MR. WEINSTEIN: Please [10] BY MA. ROBBINS: [11] Q: Did you have an understanding, sir, that foreign 1121 corporations could contribute to the National Policy Forum? (13) MR. WEINSTEIN: Go ahead. Go ahead and answer [14] that question. (15) THE WITNESS: Yes. (161 BY MR. ROBBINS: [17] (18) Q: What was your understanding? A: That the National Policy Forum was a 501(c)(3) or [19] (4) and they could legally accept contributions. [20] Q: From whom? [21] A: From foreign companies with United States [22] (23) subsidiaries. Q: Did you have an understanding that the National 1241 Policy Forum could accept money from foreign citizens? [25]

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[1] NPF at all? A: I don't believe so. I may have seen her somewhere, but I don't remember. That was a couple of years Q: Did you ever seek legal counsel other than, for 151 today's purpose, with respect to fund-raising on behalf of 161 the National Policy Forum? [7] A: No. 191 Q: So, when you wrote this memo to Mr. Barbour, did po you do so with the benefit of legal counsel or without it? A: No legal counsel. [11] Q: This was just a memo that you did on your own? 112 A: That's correct. [13] Q: And whatever understanding you had about what 1141 sources could and could not contribute to the National [18] Policy Forum, whatever information you had came from yourself! It didn't come from any consultation with a (17) [18] lawyer, correct? 1191 A: That's correct. Q: At any time, did anybody raise with you the 1201 subject of somebody who resided abroad contributing money to (21) the National Policy Forum? 1221

Q: At any time, did anybody raise with you the

25) subject of whether or not a foreign corporation could

A: No.

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A: I didn't know if it could accept money from য়ে foreign citizens. Q: Did the subject ever come up? [3] [4] A: Not-it wasn't brought up to me. Q: Was it your understanding that only foreign [5] companies which had American subsidiaries could contribute to the National Policy Forum? Ħ A: That was my understanding. (8) Q: From what source did you derive that understanding? [10] A: My general understanding of politics and the way [11] this town works, the way a lot of non-profit organizations [12] [13] raise money. Q: Was there legal counsel that was utilized for the [14] purpose of rendering advice about the National Policy 115] Forum's activities? (16) MR. WEINSTEIN: Legal counsel of NPF or RNC? 117 [18] MR. ROBBINS: Legal counsel of the St. Louis Cardinals, if necessary. (19) MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't think the St. Louis 120 (21) Cardinals were involved. MR. ROBBINS: No, I didn't think so either, but :22 what I mean to say is counsel means counsel. (23) THE WITNESS: To the RNC? [24] BY MR. ROBBINS: (25)

(1) contribute money? A: Well, I believe somebody brought the specific issue of Toyota to my attention. [3] Q: Who was that? A: I do not remember, but that's what spurred me on to write this memo. Q: Tell me what the communication was, everything you [7] can remember about it. A: I don't remember anything beyond the fact that somebody had mentioned to me that Toyota may have an interest in contributing to the Policy Forum, and I thought 1121 the chairman needed to give the Policy Forum leadership (13) direction on how to deal with that. Q: Was it your understanding that Toyota, the foreign [14] corporation, wanted to contribute money or one of its [15] American subsidiaries? [16] A: I figured it was one of the American subsidiaries. [17] [18] Q: An American corporation? (19) Yeah. Q: So you would have regarded that as an American (20) [21] contribution? A: No, because I believed-I knew Toyota in the 122 political sense as a foreign corporation that has United [23]States subsidiaries. MR. PERRY: You know, I'm sorry to cut in. We

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Continue Continue (Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Continue Co July 11, 1997 CONFIDENTIAL Page 79 Page 82 [4] have a logistical problem because there is another [1] Republican party to Mr. Baroody, correct? izi deposition that starts at 10:30. If you could give us two A: I believe there were. I don't think anybody would [3] minutes, I think we could sort of figure out how we're going (3) take a position like this without understanding a little [4] to cover that. (4) more what it was going to entail. MR. ROBBINS: Yes, sure. I'm giad somebody clse Q: Sure. has that problem besides us. A: So I believe there was some paper exchanged on (6) MR. WEINSTEIN: We're going to say. We don't have what everybody understood to be the goals and priorities. m any other depositions. Q: Among the paper that was exchanged were memos from MR. PERRY: I know, but if you just give us two the chairman of the Republican party to Mr. Baroody (10) minutes, we're going to check, just for our purposes.
[11] MR. ROBBINS: Sure. [10] outlining what he wanted to have done? [11] (12] [Recess.] Q: You remember seeing some of those memos? (121 [13] BY MR. RODBINS: A: I don't-I don't remember. I just remember Q: What was the first thing you remember doing at the knowing that it took place. I don't remember seeing them. 1141 [14] [15] RNC regarding the National Policy Forum? Q: What ever happened to those memos? A: I remember there was a general discussion about A: I don't-I didn't keep files on NPF. [161 1161 [17] who would be the right type of person to try to recruit to G: What did Mr. Berbour, the chairman of the its come in and run the thing. (18) Republican party, articulate to you as the set of goals that he had in mind for the National Policy Forum? Q: Who was the discussion with? 718 A: Probably with the chairman and myself. A: He wanted to set up a board of directors with Q: So you and Chairman Barbour discussed who would be [21] co-chairmen for different policy issues on different themes, [21] 122 subjects, to be supported by a number of hearings held zzy the right person to-A: Type of person. 1233 around the country, chaired by the co-chairmen, to seek 123 [24] input from the Americans with a goal of producing a document Q: Right. Type of person to do what? [34] A: To take on tasks like starting up a think tank and at the end of the year or two-year cycle, whatever it was 25 Page 80 (1) to be able to put out what would better articulate the goals in making it a success. Q: What were the criteria that you and he discussed? [2] and priorities of the Republican party. (21 A: I don't remember what he discussed. I remember This was a period when we were out of power and [3] in the criteria that I thought where somebody would have (4) felt that it was a need to fill that void. understood policy, understood politics, and understood the Q: Was it your understanding that the purpose of the way Washington worked. National Policy Forum was to assist the Republican party? [8] A: I didn't say to assist. That's not the right Q: Did you interview people? 7 £77 A: No. word. \_(B) Q: How did you select? 9 Q: I thought you weren't going to agree with that. A: I didn't select anybody. A: There are a number of organizations that are [10] Q: Who was selected? [11] like-minded, like the Republican party, that believe in the (11) (12) same policies and principles as we do, as we did when we ran A: Who was selected? Baroody was selected. [12] its the Republican party.

14 Q: Such as? What comes to mind? Q: What was the process of his selection? [13] A: I'm not 100-percent sure of that. [14] Q: Chairman Barbour selected him? [15] A: Such as groups that are tax reform groups. That's (15)

A: Chairman Barbour selected him, right. (16) Q: Did you participate in that process? 1171

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Q: Did anybody other than the chairman of the Republican party participate in the process of selecting the head of the National Policy Forum? [21]

A: Not that I'm aware of. 123

Q: Was there any meeting with the chairman of the Republican party and Mr. Baroody prior to his selection? MR. WEINSTEIN: That he attended or that he knows [25]

Page 81 [1] of? BY MR. ROBBINS: [2] Q: Any meeting. Was there any meeting? A: I'm sure there was a meeting. 141 Q: Did you participate in it? A: Not to my recollection, no. Q: Money had to be provided from someplace to pay for Mr. Baroody's activities, correct? A: Monies had to be provided to start up the organization. [10] Q: The monies that were provided to start up the

(12) National Policy Forum were provided by the Republican party?
(13) A: The Republican National Committee.

Q: The Republican National Committee. Were you involved in that from the very beginning?
A: Yes. [15]

[16] Q: We talked about loan documents. Were there any other papers of any kind that were generated for the purpose of articulating the goal of the National Policy Forum? [17] [18]

A: I believe there were some memos generated by the chairman to Baroody's spelling out what he saw his vision for what this organization would entail and do. I don't-I didn't write them. I don't remember. I don't have any of

[24] them. Q: Those were memos written by the chairman of the

what comes to my mind. (161 Q: Did the Republican party fund any of those? [17] A: Fund any of them during 1993 and 1994? [18] Q: Yes. [19] A: Not that I'm aware of. Q: '95? [21] A: I was gone. I don't know. Q: '96? (24)

(1) can think of that was like-minded, to use your phrase, that the Republican National Committee funded during the period when you were at the Republican National Committee was NPF? A: I believe that's the case, yes.

G: So would you agree that maybe there was a close relationship between the Republican National Committee and the NPF than any of these other organizations?

Q: Because it was created by the Republican National Committee, unlike some of these other organizations? HOT A: No, because it was created by the chairman of the

Q: So, in any event, the only organization that you

Republican National Committee. (12) Q: And it was funded by the Republican party?

A: The startup money was being funded by the Republican party.

Q: Several million dollars worth? [15]

A: I was running the Dole campaign.

A: That's correct.

Q: So can we agree that one of the reasons that the relationship between the National Policy Forum and the RNC (20) is closer than that between the RNC and some of these tax [21] groups-is that, A, it was created by the chairman of the

Republican National Committee and, B, it was provided

several million dollars worth of money? (23) A: For startup funds, that's correct.

Q: During the time that you were at the RNC which was

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[1] February of '93 through February of '95, is it the case that

[2] most of the money, most of the NPF's budget was supplied by A: Well, I'm not fully knowledgeable on all the money

[5] that the NPF was spending, but I believe that the bulk of [6] the money was supplied by the RNC to get the thing started, and how it operated, I'm not 100-percent sure. I was [8] focussed on campaigns.

Q: Sure. My question, though, is, I guess, that in [10] '93, '94, until February of '95, to your knowledge, most of [11] the NPF's money was supplied by the Republican National [12] Committee?

A: Yes.

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Q: Before approving the infusion of more money from [14] [15] the RNC to the NPF over the course of '93, '94, and over [16] '95, did you ever ask the NPF for its fund-raising records? MR. WEINSTEIN: I believe you asked that question, [18] Counselor.

MR. ROBBINS: I'm not sure I did, but in any [19] [20] event, I don't remember the answer.

THE WITNESS: I don't remember asking for their [22] fund-raising records, no.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

[23] [24] Q: Did you seek to get information about how they [25] were doing on fund-raising, specifically?

A: I would seek, as they would ask for money, how (2) they were going to pay it back.

Q: Orally? [3]

A: Yes. [4]

Q: Did you ever ask to look at any documents they had in which would reflect either what money they had raised or what their prospects were for raising money?

A: Not that I remember, no. That doesn't mean I

didn't, but I don't remember.

Q: You have no memory of doing so? (10)

A: No. [11]

Q: So this money would be loaned by the RNC to the [12] [13] National Policy Forum without any request that you're aware [14] of for actual documentation of their balance sheets, what [15] their prospects for getting specific monies were; is that [16] correct?

A: That's correct. [17]

MR. WEINSTEIN: I believe you've-well, go ahead,

[19] SLF. 1201

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BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: The answer to that is? [51]

A: That's correct.

Q: Did you ever ask any body at the National Policy (23) [24] Forum whether they had any written fund-raising plan of

[25] their own?

A: I don't remember if I ever asked, but I took it [2] for granted that they did.

[3] Q: Did you ever see one?

A: I don't remember ever seeing one.

Q: So at no time that you can remember prior to these RNC approvals of more and more cash to the NPF did you at Ø least see any fund-raising plan for the NPF?

A: Not that I remember, no. (8)

Q: Or ever ask to see one, correct? (9]

A: That's correct.

[10] MR. ROBBINS: Let's have the first document marked [11]

(12) as an exhibit. (13)

(Reed Deposition Exhibit No. 1

[14] marked for identification.]
[15] MR. ROBBINS: Now, may I show him the actual [16] exhibit? Is there any reason why I can't, just to show him

[17] the document which was marked as Exhibit 1?
[18] MR. WEINSTEIN: Is that the actual document?

THE WITNESS: Do you want this one?
BY MR. ROBBINS: [19] 1201

Q: Yes. You are actually looking at Exhibit 1. Can (21) 1227 you identify this after you have had a chance to read it? [Witness perusing document.] THE WITNESS: No. (23

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BY MR. ROBBINS:

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Q: Do you have any recollection of an RNC staff meeting in or around June of '94 covering these subject [3] matters?

A: No, I don't. Whose document is it? [4]

Q: I don't know. I personally don't know.

This is Bates-stamped R056377 through 79. Of

course, I'm also the other one-you and I also are the only people in the room who don't know how to work a computer.

Listening to America, what was that?

A: Listening to America was the theme that was [10] [11] developed by the National Policy Forum to title the forums that were held on the road, which was going to culminate with the publication of a document, as I mentioned earlier, 114) at the end of the process called Listening to America, which

[15] I believe was ultimately published into a book.

Q: Did you have any role in the development of that [16] [17] idea? Don't be modest.

A: Not really, besides a strategic advice role with (18) [19] the chairman, as I did every day on everything, but I wasn't [20] involved in the building of it, no.

Q: What was your role? What was the strategic advice [21]

[22] role?

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A: On the direction that the party ought to be taking [23] [24] and the type of issues we ought to be talking about.

Q: Well, did you speak with the chairman about the

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[1] Listening to America idea?

A: Well, I'm sure I did.

Q: Did you speak to him about the desirability of having it? [4]

A: About having it? The book? The forums? What?

Q: Well, any of them.

77 A: Well, I think it was more he was speaking to me of his desirability to have it. (8)

Q: His desire to have it?

A: Yes. (101

Q: So the chairman would indicate to you that he

[12] thought the National Policy Forum should have a Listening to

[13] America program, for lack of a better word?

A: Correct. [14]

Q: Which would involve forums around the country and 115 (18) then the ultimate publication of a book?

A: Right. (17)

Q: So did he come up with the idea?

A: I'm not sure who came up with the idea. I'm not 119

100-percent sure.

Q: But in any event, Mr. Barbour would speak to (21) you-you remember him speaking to you about his desire to [22] [53] have this?

A: Yes. [24]

Q: Did you play any role in implementing it?

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A: No, besides what I've told you about today with the lending the money. I didn't have any day-to-day role with it, no. I was managing the committee

Q: Whether it was day to day or not, did you speak to anybody at the NPF, even from time to time, about the progress of the Listening to America program? "Program" may

not be the right word. A: I'm sure I did about making sure things were going

on. I'm sure I did. Q: Did you talk to anybody at the NPF about making [11] Listening to America forums available to GOP candidates?

A: I don't remember speaking-I mean, that was kind of the common sense. So I don't know if it was necessary [14] for me to have that discussion.

Q: Was it common sense that one of the purposes of [13]

these programs was to assist GOP candidates?

A: No. It wasn't viewed as an opportunity to assist [16] (17) GOP candidates. Even, if I'm not mistaken, Democrats were [18] invited to be involved in the forums on the road and to [19]

(20) Q: Fair enough. Were there discussions at RNC staff [21] [22] meetings about the National Policy Forum?

Q: By the way, were there regular RNC staff meetings. [25] just to find out how woeful our own procedures for staff

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[1] meetings are? MR. WEINSTEIN: Are you talking about-you may want to differentiate between-when you say staff, do you [4] mean everybody in the building? What do you mean? BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: When I asked when you were in staff meetings, what were you thinking of when you said yes to staff meetings? M

A: I had a weekly senior staff meeting.

Q: Involving the individuals you mentioned?

A: The people-that's correct.

Q: Was National Policy Forum discussed at those [12] meeting?

A: Yes. [13]

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Q: Were those meetings with National Policy Forum-

A: No. [15] [161

Q: -representatives?

[17] The meetings, these staff meetings at which

National Policy Forum would come up, were solely RNC staff

[19] meetings?

A: Right, and it usually came up under the auspices [20] [21] of somebody asking a question about it because a member of the national committee was asking them a question about what

Q: Was there an effort to make members of the

[25] Republican National Committee aware of the activities of the

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[1] National Policy Forum?

A: There were a number of members of the committee that were involved in the National Policy Forum. It was an ^(3) [4] agenda item at one of the-I believe it was a summer is meeting.

G: Of the Republican National Committee?

A: Of the Republican National Committee, where I even m (a) think Baroody spoke and discussed the goals, so yes. The

( answer is yes. ं (१०) Q: Apart from what you have said, was there any [11] institutionalized process that was put in place for (12) informing Republican National Committee members or [13] Republican donors about the activities of the National

[14] Policy Forum? A: Not that I can remember. I mean, I know that our [15] [16] counsel at the staff meetings I had made clear from the [17] get-go that these were two separate entities, and everybody

[18] on my RNC team was understanding it was a separate entity. Q: Was there any document-do you have a recollection

[20] of your conversation?

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A: I remember it was brought up in one of the staff [21] [22] meetings early on because we needed to set the record straight. I don't remember if there was a document that was [24] put out by the counsel on it, but there could be

Q: Do you have any memory of any document which

Page 93 [1] sought to explain any separation that had to be followed 2 between the activities of the Republican National Committee [3] and the National Policy Forum?

A: I don't have facilities of the document, but I would be surprised if there was not some type of a (6) communique put out like that to the staff.

Q: Was it your understanding that— A: Because it was a new staff, too, it was important

to have had that done. Q: Was it your understanding that the National Policy [10] [11] Forum could raise money from sources that could not

(12) permissibly contribute to the RNC? A: It was my understanding that the National Policy [13] [14] Forum could raise sources legally from anybody because of

the way it was set up and its tax status. [15] Q: And you understood the Republican National [16] Committee could not raise money from anybody, correct? [17]

A: Yes. [18] Q: You understood the Republican National Committee, for example, could not raise ceratin kinds of foreign money? [19] [50]

Q: But your understanding was that the National Policy Forum could raise money from anybody, you said?

A: My understanding was that the National Policy

A: Things that were illegal, we did not do. That's

[1] Forum could raise money from anybody legally. Correct.

Q: Was it your understanding that there were any [3] limitations-

MR. WEINSTEIN: I think this has been asked and [5] answered. I'm going to object based upon acking for a legal conclusion

MR. ROBBINS: I haven't even asked the question. MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, but you're asking him to

define what his understanding is of Federal campaign finance

[10] laws as it applied to NPF. MR. ROBBINS: Let me tell you something, Mr.

[12] Weinstein. You have the benefit of not having been at a (13) hundred depositions that I have been at, and your position

[14] about what I can ask if, in fact, you're going to maintain

this position is entirely at variance with those of the 115 (16) Majority here.

Let me ask the question.

[17] MR. WEINSTEIN: Let me make it really clear. I (18)

haven't been to these other depositions-1591

MR. ROBBINS: I know that. 1201

MR. WEINSTEIN: -and whether that is a benefit or

221 a handicap is really irrelevant to me

What I am saying is you are asking this witness [24] for a legal conclusion, and it's not appropriate, in my

[25] view, and vou've asked and he's answered that type of

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[1] question previously.

MR. ROBBINS: You may give whatever instruction.

Let me ask the question and-

MR. WEINSTEIN: That's fine.

MR. ROBBINS: -we will take it up and we will get **F51** 

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MR. WEINSTEIN: That's fine.

MR. POBBINS: If that's what you want to do,

that's what we got to do.  $\mathbf{g}$ 

BY MR. ROBBINS:

[10] Q: Was it your understanding that there were any [11] 12 limitations at all on the sources who could contribute to

the National Policy Forum?

MR. WEINSTEIN: If he had an understanding.

THE WITNESS: My understanding was that the

[19] National Policy Forum was going to raise money legally.
[17] BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: I appreciate that, but that's not my question.

Was it your understanding, sir, that there were 119 [20] any particular limitations on the sources who could [21] contribute to the National Policy Forum?

A: My understanding was, legally, the Policy Forum could raise money from anybody and any amount. Q: Fair enough. Was it your understanding that the

28] same applied to the Republican National Committee?

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A: No. I understood the Republican National (2) Committee had different rules and regulations and filed forms and filed them on time. It was a totally different

[4] process. Q: Fair enough. Can we agree, therefore, that there were-that your understanding back then was that there were

sources of potential money that could go to the National Policy Forum that could not go to the RNC?

A: Yes.

Q: Who did those include, to your understanding, at M that period of time? (++)

A: Anybody that didn't want to give to the Republican [12] National Committee. [139

Q: Or anybody who couldn't give to the Republican

National Committee, correct? [15] A: Or couldn't-no, I wouldn't say it that way. I [18]

would say anybody that didn't want to give to the Republican National Committee could give to the NPF, or they could give (16] te both. (19)

Q: Did you have an understanding that foreign corporations-not American subsidiaries, but foreign

corporations-could give to the RNC? A: No. I thought they couldn't.

Q: Did you have an understanding that foreign 28] corporations could give to the National Policy Forum, sir?

A: Yes.

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Q: What is Young Brothers?

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Page 97 A: I have since understood that they can. [1] Q: Did you understand back then that they could? A: I had never-this is new water for me. I had (4) never covered it back then. Q: At any time in '93 or '94, did you have information that a foreign corporation could contribute to the National Policy Forum? 7 (8) A: Yes. Q: From whom? (91 [10] A: From my understanding of learning this issue. Q: During that period of time? [11] A: During that period of time. (12) [13] Q: So we're clear, in '93, '94, you knew that-A: A foreign-foreign corporation could legally give [14] [15] money to the NPF. That's correct. Q: And you knew that it couldn't to the RNC, correct? [16] A: Yes. 1171 [18] Q: And that subject came up at meetings, did it not? A: I don't remember it coming up at meetings, no. [19] Q: Did you ever have any conversation, sir, with 1201 [21] anybody at the Republican National Committee about the fact that a foreign corporation could contribute to the National-MR. WEINSTEIN: This is-this-[24] MR. ROBBINS: I'm not-I'm-sir, I'm not finished [25] Page 98

iii legally take money from foreign corporations. Q: Did he say why? A: No, because he said it was legal. Q: Did you have any conversation with him about is efforts to raise such money? A: No. Q: Did he ever indicate to you that he expected such 77 [6] efforts to be undertaken? A: I don't remember. Q: Do you have any recollection of any conversation [11] with anybody about efforts to raise foreign money for the [12] National Policy Forum? A: No [13] MR. WEINSTEIN: During what time period? [14] MR. ROBBINS: From the year of our Lord-[15] THE WITNESS: No. [167 MR. ROBBINS: -until the presenting, excluding-THE WITNESS: The answer is no. (17) [16] MR. ROBBIAS: -conversations with counsel. [19] BY MR. ROBBINS: [20] Q: Sorry? [21] A: The answer is no. 221 Q: Did you ever have any communication with anybody (23) 124) about efforts to raise money from foreign citizens? A: Not that I remember. Page 101 Q: Have you ever heard of the Young Brothers?

[1] yet. MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, I'm interjecting, and I'm going to say that I don't think this ir fair to the witness because you ask him the same question every half hour in a (5) bit of a different way. He spoke to you about Toyota. He spoke to you about a meeting that he had, and now you go back and you ask the same question three or four different times in every half-hour increment to try to trap the witness. I just [10] don't think it's fair, sir. MR. ROBBINS: Are you all set? [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: I am all set. [12] MR. ROBBINS: Okay. [13] BY MR. ROBBINS: [14] Q: My question is, did you have any communication 1151 [16] with anybody in '93, '94 about the fact that foreign corporations could contribute to the National Policy Forum? [17] [16] MR. WEINSTEIN: Are you saying in addition to the conversations that he's already identified for you or [19] [20] including those? BY MR. ROBBINS: 1211 Q: Do you understand my question? [22] A: Let's hear your question again. 1231

company from Taiwan, I believe, or Hong Kong. Q: Did you ever have any communication while you were at the RNC about Young Brothers? A: No, except for I was notified that he was going to be making a contribution to the Policy Forum. Q: Who notified you of that? f10t A: I don't remember. [11] Q: Did you understand him to be a citizen of a (12) different country? [13] A: I didn't know who he was. I didn't understand it [14] [15] with anything. Q: Do you remember how much he contributed? 1181 A: I remember it was well over a million dollars. [17] [18] Q: Now, that, by most of our standards, would be a relatively significant contribution. [19] A: Yeah. [20] [21] G: And can we agree that a contribution of that size would have generated some discussion at the RNC? [22] MR. ROBBINS: A contribution to the RNC of that 26 size or a contribution to the NPF of that size? 25 MR. ROBBINS: That's a good point.

A: I've just read about Mr. Young in the paper, so a

Page 39 [1] corporations could contribute to the National Policy Forum? A: Yes. [2] Q: Who? (3) A: I remember having a conversation with the [5] chairman, and I remember having a conversation with a lawyer to explain to me. So I don't remember who. [6] Q: When did your conversation take place with the (8) chairman? A: I don't remember, but I-/91 Q: Was it one-[10] A: -remember it was early in the process because I [11] [12] thought he needed to give the staff at the NPF some policy [13] direction on how to handle this issue. [14] Q: In the conversations you had with the chairman, [15] Chairman Barbour, about the fact that foreign money is could-foreign corporations could contribute legally-A: Could legally contribute.

Q: -to the National Policy Forum, what did you say

Q: Did you have any communication with anybody in the calendar years 1993 or 1994 about the fact that foreign

Page 102 BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Was it somebody at the NPF or somebody at the RNC who told you about the contribution by Mr. Young? A: Oh, I'm sure it was somebody from the NPF. Q: And this was while you were executive director of the RNC, correct? A: This was when we were in the middle of the '94 election cycle. [6] Q: So sometime when you were in the middle of the 1994 election cycle, you are told that Mr. Young or the Young Brothers, one or the other, was going to contribute [11] [12] more than a million dollars to the NPF? A: That's correct. [13] G: This was at a time when you were in the middle of (14) [15] trying to get candidates elected to Congress? A: And governors and the Senate and courthouses and (17) up and down the ticket. That's correct.

Q: Your central concern was trying to get Republican

[23] Q: In the middle of this, you are informed that Mr. [24] Young or Young Brothers is going to contribute more than a

Q: That was your activity at that point?

[25] million dollars to the National Policy Forum?

A: That was my activity.

[21] candidates elected, right?

A: That's correct.

[20] A: What I remember saying was that he needed to make [21] a policy decision and give the NPF some direction on how to

[22] handle this because I believe a company like Toyota has [23] either approached or has been approached about giving.
[24] Q: What did he say to you?

ing and what did he say?

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A: He said we can legally take money. The NPF can

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A: Sometime during that period, yeah.

Q: Why was that of interest to you, if it was?

A: Well, because it was of interest to me because the biggest, largest creditor to the Republican National

Committee would then be able to repay its loan.

Q: And you needed the money-the RNC needed the money to help do what you were primarily charged with doing which was getting candidates elected?

MR. WEINSTEIN: Do you want to define "need"? [10] They needed the money or they wanted the money? MR. ROBBINS: Do you want to let the witness [11]

112] answer the question, Mr. Weinstein? Because otherwise, it is going to seem to unreasonable people as though you're [14] trying to interfere in the deposition process. I would never, of course, have that-draw that conclusion. MR. WEINSTEIN: Sure. Well, I appreciate your

117] saying that. What I'm trying to do is create a record that [18] has clear questions with clear answers.

MR. ROBBINS: Okay. Well, if the witness doesn't understand my question, you should-द्वित

THE WITNESS: Why don't you ask your question 1221 again?

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Sure. At the time when this million dollars came [25] into NPF, this was of interest to you because the NPF was

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in the RNC's largest creditor, correct?

A: Single largest creditor.

Q: Single largest creditor, correct?

A: Correct. [4]

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MR. WEINSTEIN: I think debtor, actually, would be is the correct-

MR. ROBBINS: True. 171

MR. WEINSTEIN: The NPF was the debtor. The RNC was the creditor.

MR. ROBBINS: This is one of those instances in

[11] which I actually value your-isn't that nice? MR. WEINSTEIN: I will appreciate this moment for

(13) some time.

THE WITNESS: At least until lunch time BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: All right. So this came at a time when the [17] National Policy Forum was the Republican National

Committee's largest debtor. Mr. Weinstein is correct. [18] (191

A: Correct.

Q: And that was of interest to you because you wanted [21] to see if the RNC could get paid back?

A: Correct. [22] [23]

Q: And use the money for electing Republican

(24) candidates?

A: Use the money to operate the Republican National

[1] Committee.

Q: At a time when it was trying actively to get [3] candidates elected, right?

A: Well, they do that every day, yes

Q: And this money, you said, came in at a time when

(s) you were in the middle of that effort, correct? A: It was sometime before the election in '94.1

don't remember exactly when. Q: Well, didn't you just say earlier that it came in

[10] the middle of the election campaign? A: If that's what you said I said, I did

Q: Whether or not I say you said it, did it come in, [12]

(13) in the middle of the election campaign?

A: It came in the latter part of 1994. Q: When the GOP was involved in trying to get (15)

Republican candidates elected?

A: Correct.

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[17] Q: This was of interest to you because the GOP wanted to get repaid its money during this period of time, correct?

A: Wanted to get repaid the money, correct.

Q: And did you have any inkling that this [21]

contribution was in the offing, if I can use the word? [22]

A: What does that mean? MR. WEINSTEIN: Fair statement. 1241

MR. AOBBINS: Fair comeback.

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BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Did you have any idea before the contribution came

[3] in that somebody was working on obtaining it?

A: Well, I was under the impression that somebody was working on paying us back our loan. This wasn't a one-way loan. We were going to get paid back.

Q: Well, apart from that, did you know that somebody at the NPF was in contact with Mr. Young or Young Brothers

about the possibility of providing the money to repay-

A: No.

Q: -the GOP's loan? [11]

A: No. (12)

Q: Were you aware that somebody at the NPF was trying

[14] to get money during the latter half of '94, so as to pay [15] back the GOP loan?

A: I was aware that there was a Finance staff at the

117 NPF whose job it was to raise money throughout 1994 and to

(18) pay us back at the earliest possible convenience.

Q: Your testimony is that that-under oath-that (20) that's the only recollection that you have of any efforts

[21] being made to get money in the last half of '94 to pay back 1221 the GOP?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't understand that question.

[24] What's the only effort?

BY MR. ROBBINS:

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Q: Just sort of general, you understood they had a [2] Finance staff and that-

A: Yeah.

Q: -they were always a-okay.

Were you kept apprised at all of any contacts that the NPF was engaged in for fund-raising purposes?

A: Not-no, not on a regular basis. I would hear

things occasionally.

Q: Was there any discussion-was there any

communication you had with anybody in the last four or five [11] months of 1994 about the need to pay back the NPF loan?

MR. WEINSTEIN: About the need by who? (12) THE WITNESS: Communications with you? [13] BY MR. ROBBINS: [14]

Q: Anybody. [15]

A: Yeah. I had them with the chairman. [16] (17)

Q: Okay. And-

[18] A: And I would-I would occasionally be aware of ing donors that were coming through that would be making contributions. [20]

Q: To the NPF [21] 722

A: Or to the RNC.

Q: Let me see if I can narrow these questions a

MR. WEINSTEIN: Are we done with this document,

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(1) Sic? MR. ROBBINS: No [4] MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. [30

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: In the last three or four or five months of 1994, did you have conversations with the chairman of the Republican party about obtaining-about getting repayment of the RNC's outstanding loans to the National Policy Forum?

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Q: Can you remember any of those conversations?

A: Nothing beyond the fact that I would keep him (12) appraised of what the outstanding loan amount was
(13) Q: Would you do so on a regular basis throughout the

(14) time that you were at the RNC?

A: I don't remember.

O: But you do remember that in the last three or four (15) or five months of 1994, you had those conversations with Mr.

(in Barbour, correct?

[19] Q: Did Mr. Barbour indicate to you that he wanted [21] efforts undertaken to see if NPF could pay back that loan?

A: He didn't indicate those efforts to me.

Q: Did he indicate to you that he wanted the loan [23] (24) repaid?

A: Of course. Yes, he did.

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Page 109 Q: And did you and he discuss the fact that money [1] would come in handy the last half of 1994 for these election (3) efforts? A: We discussed money every day because we were [5] making decisions every day on what races to fund and what [6] races not to fund. Q: And because-okay. Fair enough. Can we agree is that the subject of available funds for the GOP to spend in in its efforts to elect or re-elect candidates was a constant [10] subject of conversation between you and the chairman in the [11] second half-MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Robbins-[12] MR. ROBBINS: -of 1994? (13) MR. ROBBINS: It may be helpful, in terms of what [14] [15] you are getting at, to differentiate between different types [16] of money because in this process, all money is not created (17) equal. So if you want to probe the witness' knowledge, it may be helpful to differentiate between the different types [19] of money available, because some money is not available to [20] go directly to candidates and some money is, and there is [21] some combination thereof. So your question, while appearing 122 to be precise, is, in fact, a little vague. MR. ROBBINS: Excuse me for a second. All right. [23] BY MR. ROBBINS: [24]

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A: What's the question? MR. ROBBINS: Would you read back my question? [3] [The reporter read back the requested portion of [4] the record.] [5] THE WITNESS: Yes.

Q: Can you answer my question?

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: And inasmuch as television advertising is done [7] intensively in the last couple of months of the election, [9] the need to get that money, to get money that's available to [10] spend on that becomes more acute during that period of time? A: That's correct. [11]

Q: And was it in the context of conversations that [12] [13] you had with Mr. Barbour about the demand of running these [14] campaigns all over the place, or helping to run these (15) campaigns all over the place, that you had these discussions

[16] with him about getting the NPF loan repaid? A: No, I wouldn't make that statement. I was [18] briefing him every day on the status of the different races, [19] who was up, who was down, what we were doing, what we should

[20] be doing. And I don't think it's fair to say that every day (21) we were talking about the outstanding loan owed to the RNC [22] by the NPF.

(23) Q: Fair enough. I didn't mean to suggest by my [24] question-

A: You suggested at every meeting it was a constant

(1) thing Q: That was a mistake on my part. Whether or not it (3) was constant, was it in the context of discussions about the (4) need for money for these races that you spoke to Mr. Barbour about the need to get the NPF loan repaid?

[5] A: No, it really wasn't because it really-there [7] really isn't a direct context between the money that we were (8) owed and the money that we were putting out to races.

Q: Why not? 191 A: Because most of the money we were putting out to [11] races was Federal money with a 35 percent match of soft (12) money

Q: Do you know-

(13) And this loan was a complete soft money loan. (14) Q: Do you know what was done-after Mr. Young of [15] [16] Young Brothers made his contribution in excess of \$1 1177 million, was there repayment of part of the debt?

A: To the RNC?

Q: Yeah. [19]

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A: I'm sure there was. Q: Of-

A: I don't remember when or how much, but I'm sure it [22] (23) Q: Of an amount in excess of \$1 million?

A: I would imagine-and I do not remember-that they

Page 112 [1] kept some to operate so they wouldn't have to come back for [2] a loan a week later.

Q: But part of the money came back to the RNC?

A: Sure.

Q: And would have been used for what purposes? Would 151 have gone into what account?

A: It would have gone to whatever account it was lest from, and it-

Q: What account was it lent from?

A: It was lent from the RNSEC account. It was used for general operating procedures. Republican National State [11] Election Committee account, or something like that.

Q: So the money that went from the-that was provided 1139 [14] by the RNC to National Policy Forum came from an account

[15] which is called RNSEC? A: R-N-S-E-C. I believe. [19

Q: And what is that again?

MR. WEINSTEIN: SE-C

THE WITNESS: Republican National State Election [10] 20 Committee. I believe that's what the acronym stands for. BY MR. ROBBINS: [21]

Q: And what can be paid for by monies from that gg account? Can you put that in a different, in a non-(24) germanic~

A: Legally? Legal party building activities.

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Q: Including what kinds of things?

A: Staff, headquarters, overhead. Anything that has p) to do with the election of a Federal candidate has to be paid with a portion out of that account. I believe it was is 35 percent out of that account and 65 percent out of the e hard account.

Q: So-and you're talking to somebody who is not a mcampaign finance expert. I'm neither ashamed nor proud to admit that. That account, the RNSEC account, the account that was used to provide money to the National Policy Forum, and into which some of the monies came back from the

National Policy Forum, can be used to help candidates for (12) [13] Congress?

A: A percentage of it can. A small percentage of it [14] [15] Can.

Q: What percentage?

A: I believe it was 35 percent in a Federal election year; 65-35 is the split.

Q: And in addition to the 35 percent of these monies 1197 that can be used to help candidates for Congress, this fund [20] can be used for what? [21]

A: General party building activities.

Q: Such as?

A: Which include overhead, staff, things that do not [24] 28) directly affect the election of a candidate. There are very

[1] straight laws on this. We have a very sophisticated group of lawyers and accountants that, before any check is sent out to anybody, it's reviewed and properly broken down.

Q: You used the word "direct." Will you agree with

me that monies from-even those monies from this account which cannot be used to directly assist candidates for Congress can be in-are likely to be of indirect benefit to 177

[8] them? MR. WEINSTEIN: What is likely to be an indirect

191 (10) benefit other than-[11]

THE WITNESS: The percentage of the account. MR. WEINSTEIN: We're at cross-you're saying the [12] percentage to be used-[13]

MR. AOBBINS: That's the beauty of letting the witness answer questions, Mr. Weinstein.

MR. WEINSTEIN: But I want a clear record. I [16] recognize that you're not particularly knowledgeable in the [17] campaign finance area, but I want a clear record of exactly /161 what's (15)

MR. ROBBINS: Okay.

MA. WEINSTEIN: -because it is a technical area.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Do you understand my question?
A: No. Why don't you say your question-MR. ROBBINS: Would you ask my question?

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THE WITNESS: I have a difficult time defining

what you mean by indirectly to the candidates.

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Q: Okay. Well, let's & through this. The 35

Q: And 35 percent of \$1 million obviously is

1111 \$350,000, which is a significant amount of money; correct?

Q: Now, of the 65 percent that is remaining to be

A: It can legally be spent to help elect Republican

[14] used other than directly to assist candidates, that money

A: Yes, I'm getting confused on your direct and

[23] candidates for Congress in accordance with the laws?

can be used to indirectly help them; correct?

percent of the monies in this account that can directly aid

congressional candidates-let's put to the side one moment.

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A: If-yes.

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(1) which is a letter dated September 17, 1996, from the

zz stationery of the law offices of Richard Richards. MR. WEINSTEIN: I want to note for the record that this document contains a Bates number of RB 014591.

indicating that it was produced to the House of

Representatives, and I'm not saying I'm not going to let the witness answer questions about it, but I do want to make

note that, to the best of my knowledge, this document was not produced to this committee. Can you confirm or deny

that, sir? [10] MR. ROBBINS: I wouldn't be inclined to confirm or [15]

(12) deny it, but in any event, I have no idea. So-MR. SHAW: I just have a simple question. Where (130

did this document come from? 1141

MR. ROBBINS: I don't know. (15

MR. SHAW: But it has-it's clearly labeled with a [165

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MR. BOBBINS: Yes.

MR. SHAW: Was it discovered in the normal course i tear

(20) of discovery from the RNC to this committee? MR. ROBBINS: I don't know if it's produced by the (21)

RNC. But my understanding is it's been produced entirely in 1223 the course of standard-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, my only question is this: [24]

[25] Do you all-have you all been obtaining documents to use in

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Page 118 🏗 📭 be replenished or built up during the course of the last z couple of months of 1994, that would inure to the benefit of Republican candidates? MR. WEINSTEIN: See, that calls for a legal

Q: Can we agree that monies from the RNSEC account

were used to either directly or indirectly help Republican

Q: And so that if-to the extent that account could

in conclusion because depending on the matching between the hard and soft dollars, that may or may not legally be [7] correct.

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BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Would you answer my question, please?

A: I can answer it easier than that. That account

in had a surplus of money. It always did.

Q: So-

[13] A: Large surplus of money.

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Q: Meaning what?
MR. WEINSTEIN: You're saying RNSEC?

THE WITNESS: Meaning RNSEC had millions of

(16) [17] dollars in it.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

[10] Q: Well, let me ask you this: You indicated that you [20] had had conversations with Mr. Barbour in the last several months of 1994 about getting the NPF loan repaid; correct? [21]

A: About the fact that there was an outstanding balance owed to us by the NPF, yes.

[23] Q: Why was that of interest to you?

A: Because it was a considerable amount of money. We [25]

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were moving up on an election cycle. It's fairly [2] straightforward, I think.

[3] G: But if you had a surplus, why did it matter to [4] you, a surplus in the RNSEC account?

A: Because I wanted to have every dollar available to me so I could make decisions and recommendations on how we were going to win more elections.

Q: Because if the National Policy Forum did pay that loan back, to the extent it paid it back, that money would

be useful in the campaign; correct? [11]

MR. ROBBINS: Why don't we take a break?

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MR. WEINSTEIN: Are we done with this document?

MR. ROBBINS: Yes. (157 [16]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Now, this is yours? MR. ROBBINS: Right.

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MR. WEINSTEIN: Do we get a copy? (16) [79]

MA. ROBBINS: I think you don't.
MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay Well, I've got the Bates

[21] number. That's all right. That's fine. [Reed Deposition Exhibit No. 2

[22] marked for identification.)

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Let me show you what's been marked as Reed 2

[1] this deposition from the House of Representatives? MR. ROBBINS: I don't know the answer to that question, but in any event: BY MR. ROBBINS: [4] Q: I've placed the document before you. Do you recognize the document? MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, no, no, because this is

important. I mean, if we have here-I mean, this is

certainly something that ought to be put on the record. If nor we have here the House of Representatives Committee on [11] Governmental Affairs providing documents to the Senate

112 Committee on Governmental Affairs, I mean, I think that's

is something we ought to know.

MR. AOBBINS: I have no idea. I'm not aware of is where the document came from. But I've placed the document-

IS MR. WEINSTEIN: Is there anybody on the staff of [17] the minority who could help us with that?
[18] MR. ROBBINS: Well, I'm not inclined to make that

person available. I guess my-if there is such a person. I

[20] really don't know. But for the moment, I've got a document. MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, as long as we are in

22 agreement that the document contains a Bates number of RB 229 014591 and the other several boxes of documents or the boxes [24] of documents that we gave to you all, I think do not contain

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MR. ROBBINS: I'll tell you what. I am absolutely willing to stipulate that the document that I just showed you has RB 014591, 92, and 93.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, then I will just simply go on the record and state, while I am certain that Mr. Robbins

does not know and do not believe for any reason that you, sir, have purloined this or that it has been obtained by you in any improper way, that it does appear that the minority

staff of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs has [10] obtained or has come into your possession documents which

were, in fact, produced to the United States House of Representatives.

MR. ROBBINS: Where does it say that on this [12]

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[14] document?

MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, this RB-្រឡ MR. ROBBINS: Stands for what? 1160 MR. WEINSTEIN: Burton. [17]

MR. ROBBINS: Okay. If you say so.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Now, it may be the case that if

201 you check all your other boxes of documents, you will find that they do not have the prefix RB.

[23] MR. HOBBINS: Literally, you can put anything on 1231 the record that you want. So keep going, and then just say [24] whatever you want to say, and then I just want an answer to

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Page 121 MR. WEINSTEIN: But my concern is, unless I have it wrong-and I may very well have it wrong-that you all are not entitled to utilize documents that you obtained from other sources. I mean, let me put it a little bit more clearly: that it would be improper for you to utilize-let me ask the question this way-MR. ROBBINS: No, I'm not going to-

MR. WEINSTEIN: Is it proper for you to utilize documents that have been produced to the House of [10] Representatives in your investigation?

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MR. ROBBINS: I'm not answering the question [12] because I'm not here to answer questions, as you pointed [13] OUL.

#### BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Are you going to answer the question or not? MR. WEINSTEIN: Hold on one second. He may very well answer the question, but I am really concerned about

MR. ROBBINS: I gather that. So just put on the [19] record whatever concerns you have, and then let's get going. MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, my concern is threefold. I will proffer for the record that RB is indicative of the [23] prefix that the Republican National Committee used in providing the documents to the House of Representatives. My 25) understanding is that there are certain rules of discovery

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[1] that involve the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. [2] And my view is that you, sir, are using a document that was [3] not produced to your committee, that it was, in fact, produced to another committee. And I understand that there is are confidentiality rules and regulations which apply to [8] productions to the House of Representatives. And it is my opinion, sir, that you are improperly using a document that was not provided to your committee. And I have put that on 19) the record, and we agree on the Bates number, and now you [10] may-if you would like to make use of this improperly [11] obtained document, you may ask the witness any question you [12] would like.

MR. ROBBINS: I can't agree with, I think, any of [13] [14] your premises, but I will

MR, WEINSTEIN: Well, you can agree that the document here is RB 014591 and that all of the tens of [15] 1161 thousands of documents produced to your committee do not,

[18] unless there is some clerical error, contain the RB prefix.
[19] MR. ROBBINS: I tell you, I will agree with so (20) much of your speech as it relates to the letters and the [21] numbers. I absolutely agree that those letters and those [22] numbers appear there. You've got my agreement on that? [23] BY MR. ROBBINS: [23]

Q: Could you answer the question, please?

A: What's the question?

Q: Can you identify the document?

A: I've never seen this document before. Q: All right. Well, take a look at Exhibit 2. Do (4) you know-

MR. WEINSTEIN: On page 2?
MR. ROBBINS: Exhibit 2, because that's the 2 that 17 appears there. I got so good at working on that from the colloguy that we had before [8]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Exhibit 2 says in its third and fourth paragraph, 1101 "Just prior to the elections of 1994, I was asked by Fred Volcansek to help facilitate a loan in excess of \$2 million [12] to assist you in replacing hard money at the Forum with soft [13] money so that the hard dollars could be used to help pick up [15] 60 targeted House seats. As a result of Fred's request, I [16] contacted Mr. Ambrous Young and asked him if he was [17] interested in that kind of assistance for the party. You [18] and I then had several discussions concerning a loan guarantee by Mr. Young. [19]

My question to you is: Do you have any knowledge at all of the facts identified-or the facts asserted in

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those two paragraphs?

MR. WEINSTEIN: We're making clear that you are [24] not saying that Mr. Reed is referenced in this letter. He 25] says he hasn't seen the letter. You're asking him whether

(i) he knows about any of these facts? MR. ROBBINS: Was there some word in the question that I asked which was obscure in any way?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't know.

MR. ROBBINS: I didn't think so, either.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Could you answer my question, please?

[7] (8) A: I read in the papers a couple of weeks ago about this letter. That's the first time I knew anything about 191

rion it Q: Okay. So do you know Fred Volcansek?

[[11] (12) A: No.

Q: Have you ever met him? 1830

A: No.

Q: Did Mr. Barbour ever speak to you about any (15)

efforts he was making to obtain money that would repay a loan by the RNC to the National Policy Forum?

MR. WEINSTEIN: You've already asked him this (of question. This is what I don't really think is fair, is

that you've asked him-I know the record reflects you've [21] already asked him this question, and he testified as some

length about it. And now you're basically asking him the same question again.

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MR. WEINSTEIN: Am I all set?

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MR. ROBBINS: Yeah. MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't know what that means. What I'm saying is you asked him the same question. I'm

is objecting, asked and answered. I will allow the witness to answer, but I-

MR. ROBBINS: That's great.

MR. WEINSTEIN: I am not-I am not altogether

comfortable with this.

MR. ROBBINS: I don't want you to be uncomfortable. I just want an answer to my question.

THE WITNESS: And the answer-the question is? BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Do you have any-did you have any communication with Mr. Barbour about efforts he was making to helpspecific efforts he was making to help get the NPF to repay the loan to the National Policy-strike that-to get the

National Policy Forum to repay the loan to the RNC? A: Mr. Barbour notified me-the chairman-that there [18] [19] would be some money coming back from the NPF to the RNC,

(20) yes Q: Okay. When did he do so? [21] A: I don't remember. Sometime in the fall. (22)

Q: Of 1994?

A: Of '94. 241

Q: And did he indicate to you approximately how much

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(1) money was coming back?

A: I believe he indicated somebody was going to be making a contribution or a loan to the NPF of over \$1 million, and then that some of that would be coming back.

Q: Coming back?
A: To the RNC to repay the loan.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Could we have a break for just one second? We will be very brief here.

MR. ROBBINS: Could I finish my questioning?

MR. WEINSTEIN: Is the line of questioning dealing with this document-

MP. ROBBINS: It's dealing with not the document but the conversation that he just outlined that he [14] remembers. I'm not asking about the document at all, six.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay.

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: And what do you remember-do you remember him identifying the person who was going to be providing the

A: I don't remember him identifying the person. I've now learned to understand from news reports that it was Mr. Young. I don't remember a specific conversation where he mentioned Mr. Young.

Q: Do you remember a general description of how he [25] was going to arrange the money?

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Page 127 Q: Did he say to you what he had done in order to p) obtain that money? A: No. Q: You remember it as he simply notified you that the 15 go money was going to be coming in? A: I remember being notified that somebody was going to be making a contribution to or a loan to the NPF, and that some of the money owed to the RNC would be repaid. I don't remember when, how. It was during an election time. It was a very busy time. [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: You can continue. [12] THE WITNESS: He was on the road a lot. It was [13] [14] over-probably over the telephone, but I don't remember. BY MR. ROBBINS: [15] Q: But it was Mr. Barbour who told you this? [16] 1177 Q: And it was in the fall of 1994? [18] A: Sometime in August, September, or October of '94. TIM Q: When the congressional campaign was really heating po, gi) up; correct? A: Well, after Labor Day is the traditional starting pen date, yeah. Q: And is it your testimony that you don't recall-

as well, let me ask you: Were you relating to him or keeping Page 128 in him apprised of the need for-the needs that the GOP had for R certain kinds of money during this period of time? MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to object. I'm going to

in the spoke to Mr. Barbour every day about money at this time. BY MR. AOBBINS: Ø Q: Do you want to answer the question, please? · [3] A: As I mentioned to you earlier, we spoke every day about priority races, who was up, who was down, and where we UO

ought to be making contributions. Q: Okay. So part of your job was to monitor the 112 (13) needs of the national party for money in different parts of [14] the country; correct?

[5] object. I believe that this witness testified to you that

A: Correct. [15]

Q: And to do what things were necessary or could be done to make sure that money was allocated appropriately? (17) A: Correct. [16]

[19] Q: And was available?

A: Correct. 20

Q: And you would speak to the chairman of the [21]

Republican National Committee more or less daily about this; (22) correct?

A: Correct. (24)

Q: And it was in one of the conversations that you

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[1] were having with the chairman daily, if not several times a raiday, that he indicated to you that more than \$1 million was (3) coming back in? A: He indicated to me that somebody would be making a 15) loan or a grant to the NPF and that some money would be my coming back in. I don't remember how I got notified on how

M Q: Did you ever have any communication with anybody other than Mr. Barbour about that? MR. WENSTEIN: About what?

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MR. ROBBINS: What he just talked about.

[11] THE WITNESS: I probably had a communication with [12]

[13] Don Fierce about it.

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BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: What's your memory of the conversation with Don Fierce? [16] A: Just the same thing. Somebody was going to be

[16] making a contribution or a loan. That was it. Q: And who was Don Fierce?

A: Don Fierce was the director of congressional [20]

[21] relations for us. Q: Why did you have a conversation with the director

of congressional relations about this?

A: Because his office was right next to mine. Q: Do you recall the conversation?

A: No, I don't recall the conversation. I answered [2] your question.

Q: What was his job? I understand the title, but

what were his responsibilities?

A: He was the liaison to the House and the Senate (6)

Q: And why would the issue of a loan to the NPF that would be used to repay money owed to the Republican National

Committee be of interest to the liaison with the Republican

Members of Congress?

MR. WEINSTEIN: You assume a supposition not [12] necessarily in evidence, and that is that it was of interest to Mr. Fierce. He said his office was right next door and he talked to him about it. He didn't say it was of interest

(15) to him.

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Was it?

[17] A: Yes. 1181

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Q: Of interest to him?

A: It was-he knew about it probably through Haley.

He mentioned it to him. [21]

Q: He mentioned it to you? 22

A: In addition to Haley, that's correct. [23]

Q: So you have a memory that Mr. Fierce did, in fact,

1241 psi mention to you that a grant or a loan, as you say, was going

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[1] to be coming in to the National Policy Forum, which was

[2] going to be then used to provide money back to the Republican National Committee?

A: No, I didn't say that. I said that he told me

that there was going to be a grant or a loan going to the

National Policy Forum, period.

Q: Now, did he-

A: Mr. Fierce had no role with what was coming back to the RNC or what was going out from me from the RNC.

Q: Okay. [10]

A: There's a distinction there. [11]

Q: Okay. Other than this conversation with Mr.

13 Fierce and the conversation with the chairman of the

[14] Republican National Committee, Mr. Barbour, did you ever

is have any communication with anybody else about the

[14] contribution or the grant or the loan that was coming to the NPF which we now know went back to the Republican National

118 Committee?

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MR. WEINSTEIN: What time-

THE WITNESS: Not to my recollection. (20) [21]

MR. ROBBINS: At any time period, other than your counsel.

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THE WITNESS: Not to my recollection. BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Did you ever inquire what the source of the money

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A: I probably inquired about the source and was told [3] it was somebody named Mr. Young, but I didn't inquire beyond

(4) that because I had faith that the lawyers would have been involved and it would have all been done legally.

Q: Well, did you as the executive director of the

Republican National Committee instruct that any particular

steps be taken to ensure that contributions to the National

Policy Forum were legal?

A: No. It wasn't my role or responsibility. (1**0)** [11]

Q: Did you take any steps to ensure that (12) contributions to the RNC were legal?

A: Yes. We had a process in place.

Q: What was the process?

is A: Contributors that gave money filled out cards that mentioned where they lived, where they worked, their

[17] address. That is the legal need for contributions, and we

(18) were pretty aggressive about it. If people just turned in thecks, we would write them back a letter asking them to

[20] fill out the rest of the paperwork and submit it.

Q: As a matter of procedure-and, again, obviously, (22) only while you were the executive director of the Republican

Party-other than requiring contributors to fill out cards [24] stating their personal information, was there any other

29 screening procedure for contributions?



Page 133 Page 136 A: Not to my knowledge, but I believe there may have (i) marked for identification.] [2] been an informal process that if something came in, it would MR. ROBBINS: There's a blue line to the left of go up to the Legal Office to be reviewed. But I don't the first paragraph on Exhibit 3, which was not part of the [4] remember. (4) original exhibit. Q: If what came in? [Witness perusing document.] A: If a contribution came in that was for some reason MR. SHAW: Mr. Robbins, if I could just point out questioned, it would go up to the legal beagles. that this document has the Bates number R 021495 to 021497. 7 which is different than the previous exhibit Bates prefix of Q: Okay. That's your understanding? (8) (91 191 Q: Did that ever occur while you were there, to your MR. ROBBINS: That's helpful, but we probably [10] [11] knowledge? [11] could have gathered that from the comparison, but it's A: I can't remember. I don't remember. [12] [12] Q: Were there any criteria in place for determining MR. WEINSTEIN: I think it's always useful to [13] 11131 when a contribution should be regarded as questionable and, [14] point out where documents are properly and improperly [15] utilized. therefore, sent up to the legal beagles? [15] A: Well, as I said, it was an informal thing. MR. ROBBINS: Oh, now, now, now. I somehow-[16] Q: It was an ad hoc thing; correct? MR. SHAW: I was just making a clarification. (17) [17] A: I believe, but I don't remember it specifically MR. ROBBINS: -feel disinclined to accept (19) being used. (19) automatically the assertions that you're making, but be that Q: But the only procedure that you remember being in [20] as it may. [21] place for screening contributions to the RNC was the BY MR. ROBBINS: [21] requirement that donors fill out a card identifying where 122 Q: You've never seen this document before? they lived, whether they were a citizen of the United States [23] [24] and so forth? Q: There was a monthly television show, "Listening to [24] A: Their occupation. [25] America," while you were at the RNC? Page 134 Page 137 Q: And their occupation. Were they asked whether A: This memo says it was the National Policy Forum's. they were a citizen of the United States? Q: I'm sorry. While you were at the RNC, was there a A: I don't remember. (3) television show-Q: Are the cards-A: Yes. [4] Q: -"Listening to America"? A: That doesn't mean there weren't other processes in (5) [5] [6] place down in Finance. I just may not have been aware of A: Yes, there was. G: And did you-was it your view at the time you were m it. Q: Well, you as the-you were the chief operating at the RNC that it had the potential to be an effective part [8] officer of the RNC for two years; right? of Republican victories in '94? [9] [10] A: Yes, I know that. (101 A: Yes. Yes, that's fair to say. Q: And why is that? Q: Are you, as that, as the person who served that [11] [12] function, are you aware of any other screening procedures A: Because it was part of our ongoing interest in (121 [13] for donation to the RNC while you were at the RNC? promoting Republican policies and ideas. [13] Q: Did you have any role in setting up the TV show? [14] [14] Q: Did you ever-were you aware that Mr. Barbour-A: Yes. [15] [15] Q: What was your role? [16] strike that. Were you aware of any foreign trips that Mr. [16] [17] Barbour took during '93, '94, or '95? A: I supervised the team that managed designing the (17) A: Well, I left in February of '95, so I was pretty studio and building the studio and getting the first few [19] busy after that. Sometime in-I believe it was '94, I think (19] shows off the ground. he took a trip through the IDU, which was the International Q: And these are-[20] [20] A: RNC employees [2:] Democratic Union, which I believe he was the vice chairman [21] Q: These were RNC employees. And you supervised 1221 1221 Of. Q: A trip to where? them? (53) [23] A: I don't remember. [24] [24] Q: I was like frantically trying to think if that was Q: In putting together the television show. Page 135 Page 138 [1] like a new name for a bunch of formerly Soviet republics, [2] the IDU, because he took a trip to the IDU, I'm thinking-[1] "Listening to America"? A: Correct. A: Through it. It's an organization, but I don't Q: Which was put out by National Policy Forum? A: No. It was put out by the RNC.

Q: When Ms. Westner-strike that. When Ashley Barron [4] remember where they were. Q: Did he ever take a trip to Asia when you were at 151 the RNC? says in Exhibit 3 "National Policy Forum's monthly [5] 77 television show, 'Listening to America'"-I may be wrong-is A: I do not believe so. [7] Q: Did he have communications with anybody in Hong she incorrect that it was a National Policy Forum show? [8] Kong? A: I believe so 19) MR. WEINSTEIN: Let-go ahead. A: Not that I'm aware of. [10] 1101 [11] Q: Did you ever learn that any official or employee MA. ROBBINS: Mr. Weinstein, you seem disturbed. If you're not, I don't want to cause you to be disturbed. [12] of the National Policy Forum was in touch with anybody in (12) MR. WEINSTEIN: No. I would like to take a minute Hong Kong? [13] [13] A: During the time when I was at the Republican [14] and speak with the witness, if possible, because this happened after his-after his time period.

MR. ROBBINS: Well, I was going to get to that [15] National Committee, no. [15] Q: Did you ever have any communication with Richard [16] [16] [17] Richards about the National Policy Forum? in because I thought that might be-A: No. Not to my recollection. MR. WEINSTEIN: I mean, that's useful because he [18] [16] [19] Q: Did you ever have any communication with Richard [20] Richards about the Young or Young Brothers?
[21] A: No, not to my recollection. I don't believe I've was long gone by then, and I don't want things to get [199 confused [20] MR. ROBBINS: Sure. Let me see if I can make it [21] ever met Richard Richards. (22) clear. (22)

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: "Listening to America" was a TV show that was

[25] instituted while you were the executive director of the RNC;

marked, which would be Exhibit 3.

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MR. ROBBINS: Let me have the next document

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[1] correct? A: There was a TV show instituted while I was the executive director of the RNC. I believe it was called "Listening to America." MR. WEINSTEIN: See, that's the confusing point, the GOP-TV versus "Listening to America" gets-p (6) MR. ROBBINS: Let me see if I can ask the [7] questions and see if I can clarify that so there is no confusion. I don't aim to confuse you at all.
BY MR. ROBBINS: 191 វេល Q: And your role was to supervise other RNC employees [11] in putting this together? [12] A: Putting together GOP-TV, is what it was called. [13] [14] That's correct. Q: And one of the shows that GOP-TV put out was [15] "Listening to America"? [161] A: I don't-(17) MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, but that's a different (18) (19) thing MR. ROBBINS: Can I just-[20] MA. WEINSTEIN: No, no, but you're confusing him. ÷(21) The studio may have been used and rented out to somebody-MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Weinstein-

gs television show. Page 160 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Weinstein, I'm just asking 12) questions. You're not the witness. Do you understand? I'm is sure you understand the essential difference in our roles (4) here. I'm not going to try to trick him, but I've got to ask questions, and you don't testify.
 MR. WEINSTEIN: You're showing him a document that was six months after he left from somebody who I don't know if he knows or doesn't know. To state-MR, ROBBINS: Who cares if he knows or doesn't gio know. I'm asking-forget about this memo. Turn it over. MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. That's good. Let's turn it

MR. WEINSTEIN: -and they may have used it for a

(12) OVEE MR. ROBBINS: And let me ask questions of the [13] [14] 115

MR. WENSTEIN: Very well. BY MR. ROBBINS:

[18] !171 Q: When you were executive director of the RNC, did [18] you play a role in setting up a TV show called "Listening to [19] America"? A: No.

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Q: Did you play any role in it at all? 1211 22

A: I don't know there was a TV show called "Listening [23] to America.

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Q: Did you say a few months ago that you did play a [25] role in-

MR. WEINSTEIN: What he said was that it was (Z) GOP-TV.

THE WITNESS: What I said before was that we put together a studio and set up a television show called GOP-TV. Whatever happened after I left with the title or (5)

is, changes or with NPF, I didn't do-I don't have any clue.

[7] BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Okay. So let me see if I understand this. What my you set up in '93, '94 was GOP-TV; right?

A: Which was by the Republican National Committee. 1101 [11] Q: And paid for directly by the Republican National

Committee? A: Correct. [13]

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Q: With the use of Republican National Committee [14] [15] Staff?

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Q: At any time while you were at the Republican [17] National Committee, was this facility used for NPF [18] productions?

A: Not to my recollection.

(21) Q: Do you have any knowledge whether or not it [22] subsequently was used by NPF? [23]

A: I have no knowledge.

Q: Have you ever heard that it was?

A: When you just showed me this memo right here for

[1] the first time.

Q: There was, however, a "Listening to America" pr series of forums and publications while you were at the (4) Republican National Committee; correct?

A: The theme of the road meetings was called

"Listening to America," that's correct. And then there was 77 a booklet published-I don't remember if it was while I was still there or after I had left-called "Listening to

America" by the National Policy Forum.

Q: And both the "Listening to America" forums and "Listening to America" publications, while you were at the [11] RNC were National Policy Forum productions?

[13] A: Products, that's correct.

Q: Do you know who Ashley Barron is? [14] 1151

A: No.

[140 Q: Do you know who Fran Westner is?

A: No.

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(17) [18] Q: To your knowledge, was this studio-I may have asked this question before; I forget-that you helped set up [19] and supervise the setting up of used in any way for the (20)

[21] National Policy Forum?

A: Not to my knowledge.

Q: When you were there? 23 (24)

A: Not to my knowledge. MR. WEINSTEIN: There is a difference when you say

(1) "used," I believe, and the witness can answer this because 21 this is just my belief, that the studio may have been rented ps out, commercially rented out to other organizations. I 44 don't know if NPF was one of them or not. But when you say is was the studio used for NPF, this may help in terms of actually getting at what you are-MR. ROBBINS: That is very helpful to me, in fact.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: To your knowledge, was this facility utilized in any way at all by the National Policy Forum while you were [11] there? A: No, with the exception-I believe Baroody appeared

(12) [13] once on a show. But I'd have to check the facts on that. Q: Who at the RNC when you were there was most [14]

knowledgeable about GOP-TV? [15] A: The director of communications, Chuck Greener. [169

Q: And where is Chuck Greener now?

[17] A: He's here in town, in a public relations firm. A (181

woman, Patrice Garrity, that ran it, was the producerdirector, and the chairman. 201

Q: Did Mr. Barbour ask you or direct you to set up [21] GOP-TV? (22)

A: It was one of the things we talked about when we 124 ran for office, and it was one of the things I did in '93,

25 yes.

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Q: Did you ever have any communication with him about making the facility available for National Policy Forum?

A: Not that I remember.

Q: Did you ever have a communication with him about refraining from making it available for National Policy (5) Forum

A: Not that I remember. It wasn't-there was no m parallel there.

Q: No what?

( tak A: NPF's mission was to have town meetings, and the [11] studio wouldn't have any-there wouldn't be any connect,

connection. Q: But you can't recall any conversation where someone said, in effect, let us make certain that the [14]

[15] National Policy Forum does not utilize this facility? A: I don't remember it ever coming up regarding the (167 [17] facility, positive or negative.

Q: Let me show you a document which is Bates stamped RB 015329 through 015332, and let's have it marked as an (191 exhibit. (20)

[Reed Deposition Exhibit No. 4

marked for identification.]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Let the record reflect that this

(24) document was not produced to the committee, the Senate

25] committee, and that it was produced to the House of

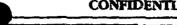
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Page 145 [4] Representatives, and that it was obtained for use by Mr. (1) you about the need for the additional monies reflected in [2] Robbins and his colleagues through some channel which, to g this-these documents? in the best of my knowledge, was not the channel that came from A: Not in regards to these specific documents, but as the Republican National Committee. I mentioned earlier, he would notify me when they were in MA. ROBBINS: Well, I don't know what you're need of funds to make payroll or whatever else they needed.

Q: Did the RNC in 1993-94 make loans to entities talking about, but I would note that the third page of this document, sir, is signed by Scott Reed on behalf of the other than the National Policy Forum? 171 Republican National Committee. Now, if there is some A: Not to my recollection. Q: So when we said before that-or when you said m reason-THE WITNESS: The first page? [10] [10] before that the National Policy Forum was the RNC's largest MR. ROBBINS: Yes. (11) debtor-1111 THE WITNESS: That's not my signature. (12)1121 BY MR. ROBBINS: [13] [131 Q: -you were being quite precise; it was also its Q: Signed on your behalf by Michael Hess. [14] [14] only debtor. Correct? A: Yeah, and there's a big difference. [15] A: I believe so. We may have lent money to one state វេនា Q: And Michael Hess was who, sir? [16] [16] party, and I don't remember which one, because of a problem. [17] A: The general counsel. [17] We tried to not be in the business of doing that, so I don't Q: Of what? want to say definitely there wasn't any other loan. (18) (19) A: The Republican National Committee. Q: You have no recollection of any loan that the RNC 1:91 Q: And he was authorized to sign on behalf of the [20] ever provided to anybody while you were its executive [20] [21] Republican National Committee? [21] director other than the National Policy Forum? A: It appears so. A: With the possible exception of one state party, [22] Q: Did you know that he was signing on behalf of the which I don't remember which one it was. [23] [24] Republican National Committee? Q: One state Republican Party? [24] A: I must have. A: Yeah. (25) Page 146 Q: Now, the next page-Q: But you're not certain-[1] MR. WEINSTEIN: Which page is this, sir? A: I'm not certain but I-

**[11**] MR. ROBBINS: The fourth page of this document. [3] MR. WEINSTEIN: The one that is marked RB 015332? [5] MR. ROBBINS: That's right. BY MR. ROBBINS: (7) Q: Do you see anybody's signature that looks familiar (8) there? A: Yes. [9] Q: Whose is that? [10] A: Baroody's. [11] Q: Who else's? [12] A: Mine. [13] [14] Q: On behalf of? [15] A: The Republican National Committee. Q: Now, would this be the kind of document which [16] would be kept in the possession or the records of the Republican National Committee? (17) [181] A: Probably, because it's a loan document. [19] Q: Has this document been produced by you? 1201 MR. WEINSTEIN: We're not going to talk about that [21] [22] now at all. MR. ROBBINS: Oh, okay [23] (24)

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Well, I'm going to ask you some questions about [25] [1] it, nevertheless. A: Fire away. Q: This is a document that you signed on behalf of the Republican National Committee constituting an addendum Committee and the National Policy Forum; right? A: This is a document, as I described earlier in the day, which was the formal paperwork for the money to be

Page 149 Q: -about that? [3] A: As I'm sitting here, I think we may have bailed somebody out on something. Q: By bailing them out, you mean the state Republican [6] Party? 7 A: Yeah, state party Q: Were you paid back? A: I don't remember if we ever did. [10] Q: Okay. So-1111 A: If we did, I would have hoped to have been paid 1121 [13] back, yes. [14] Q: So the record is clear, the only entity that you is know the RNC lent money to while you were its executive director was the National Policy Forum? [16] A: That's correct. [17] MR. ROBBINS: Let us mark the next document. [18] [19] [Reed Deposition Exhibit No. 5] marked for identification.] 1201 [Witness perusing document.] MR. ROBBINS: It's a-[21] [22] MR. SHAW: Mr. Robbins, does this have a Bates (23) [24] number on it? MR, ROBBINS: It doesn't. It's a 10-page Page 150

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doesn't have it.

[2] [5] to a loan agreement between the Republican National [8] 19 loaned to the NPF Part of the process we discussed nor earlier. Q: Have you read this document? Just now, did you [11] look through the document? [12] [13] [Witness perusing document.]
[14] THE WITNESS: I've read it. BY MR. ROSBINS: [15] Q: Did you discuss this with Haley Barbour before you [16] [17] signed it? MR. WEINSTEIN: This specific document. [18] MR. ROBBINS: Yeah. [19] THE WITNESS: I don't remember discussing this 1201 [21] specific document with the chairman before I signed it. But [22] as I mentioned earlier, I would bounce these things off him

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Do you recall Mr. Baroody indicating anything to

MR. SHAW: I just wanted-I mean, maybe it's buried later on in the document. I was just wondering if [4] (5) MR. ROBBINS: No, I don't see one. It's a 10-page document dated June 2, 1993, from Scott Reed to Haley 7 Barbour, Mike Baroody, and Ken Hill. [8] MR. WEINSTEIN: Does this presuppose-and you may 191 not ask the witness this. I do not know. MR. ROBBINS: Does what presuppose? [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: Does this presuppose that these (12) two pages, which looks like they go together-they don't 113 look like they should be attached to these other two pages. [14] MP, ROBBINS: That's a perfectly fair point. I [15] [16] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, one document is dated June [17] 2, 1993, and the other bears a facsimile notation of October [19] 1, 1993, which would lead one to believe that they should

document-well, you know that it doesn't because this

(20) not be all stapled together.
(21) MR. ROBBINS: I agree with you. MR. WEINSTEIN: Now, I do not really have a clue [23] as to all the rest of these, but I do want to make the point (24) that-I guess it is fair to say that I and 2 belong

together, but as for the rest of these, the staple is

(23) prior to doing it, if I could reach him.

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Page 151 [1] merely-the staple that holds them together is merely-may be superfluous. 121 MR. ROBBINS: I think you must be right about that. You're obviously correct about that, [4] MR. SHAW: Mr. Robbins, just for a point of [6] clarification. To your knowledge, is this the first time m that the majority has been provided with this document since [8] there is no Bates stamp number on it? MR. ROBBINS: I would be flabbergasted if this was (10) the first time it's been provided to the majority. I would [11] be personally surprised, but I don't know. MR. SHAW: Why? [12] MR. ROBBINS: Well, because this has been [13]

[14] discussed, I think, at meetings of the committee. THE WITNESS: The first two pages-[15] MR. ROBBINS: The first two meetings-the first (१६ [17]

two pages, right.

MR, WEINSTEIN: When we talk about this as one

[18] document, I do think we ought to talk about the document as consisting of these first two pages, and these other eight [21] are pages from somewhere that have been stapled here for convenience 122

MR. ACBBMS: You're right. And I think you've 1231 124) made the record clear. You must be right that the original 25 of this June 2, 1993, document did not have a fax dated

in October 1, 1993. [2]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Let me direct your attention to the first two [3] [4] pages of Exhibit 5. Those are a memo, constitute a memo (5) that you sent to Haley Barbour, Mike Baroody, and Ken Hill in on June 2, 1993? m

A: That's what it looks like. Q: And Ken Hill's position was?

....[8] (9) A: I don't remember his exact title. He was over at po the National Policy Forum. I think he was in the [11] leadership.

Q: And what was the purpose of this memorandum? [12] A: Well, I believe the purpose of this memorandum was [14] for an agenda for a meeting on some things that I thought [15] the chairman would want to see addressed through his role as chairman of the National Policy Forum.

Q: This, I take it, was prepared on the stationer (17] (18) or-let me put it this way, prepared within the RNC.
(19) A: Well, if it was written by me, it would have been

[20] prepared in the RNC.

Q: Okay And the purpose-is it fair to say the [21] [22] purpose was to identify things that you thought needed to be discussed or things needed to be done to further the NPP? [23]

A: It was a memo that I sent to the chairman to [25] recommend to him some things that I thought, through his

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[1] role as the chairman of the NPF, he ought to see addressed. [2] This was in the early days of, I believe, setting up the [3] NPF. They're some of my thoughts on things that ought to (4) get addressed in the short term.

Q: So you as the executive director of the RNC sent it to Haley Barbour in his capacity as chairman of the NPF?

A: And as chairman of the RNC. Q: Okay. You sent it to him-

A: It's fair to say in my position I was one of his [10] chief advisors, politically.

[11] G: So that I understand this, you, to the extent that [12] these distinctions have any meaning, sent it to Mr. Barbour [13] both in his capacity as head of the RNC and in his capacity [14] as head of the NPP?

A: Correct. [15]

Q: Let's talk about fund-raising. [16]

A: Okay. [17]

Q: Where did your ideas for fund-raising come from? A: Well, having reviewed this recently, I believe [19 [20] what I was trying to accomplish there was recommend some [21] basic steps on how to get the fund-raising mechanism moving,

beginning with a basic list of people to approach, followed by the need to put together a basic business plan on what [24] these folks would be asked to do, followed by what appears 25 to be some names of some people that must have either

[1] approached us or somebody had approached them about interest

in-since the announcement that was made that the NPF was going to take shape, followed by my point made earlier to

[4] you that there needed to be some policy discussion and [5] direction given to the NPF and the NPF staff on how to deal

with foreign contributions, legal U.S. subsidiaries, and that I thought if they were going to-they would need to

develop some type of a cash flow plan. Q: Mr. Reed, I want to go back because I'm a little [10] bit puzzled. Isn't it the case that you thought that the

[11] NPF could take money from foreign corporations, whether or

(12) not they had American subsidiaries? A: No, that wasn't the case at all. [13] Q: You thought they couldn't? [14]

[15] A: I thought they could legally take money from who they could legally take money from, and if it included a [16] [17] foreign company with a U.S. subsidiary, which I have since (15) learned is legal, they could do it.

Q: Did you believe they could take money from foreign [20] corporations whether or not-

MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going-

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: -they had an American subsidiary MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to direct the witness

[25] not to answer that question. To be clear, I'll put it on

[1] the record. I believe you have asked this question a number [7] of different times. It is an effort to confuse the witness. (4) It is an effort to cause the witness to make legal decisions. If you want to ask him what he meant by the word

"foreign" in this memorandum-

MR. POBBINS: No, I'll ask the question, and you can give whatever instruction you want.

(7) MR. WEINSTEIN: I have given the instruction-MF. ROBBINS: Let me ask it and we'll have it on [10] the record.

MP. WEINSTEIN: Very well.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: You say the word "foreign" here. [13]

A: Correct. [14]

Q: Were you referring only to-let me put it a different way: Did you believe at the time that you wrote this memo that the NPF could take money from foreign

corporations, including those which did not have American subsidiaries? f191

MR. WEINSTEIN: I will object to the question as [31] being asked and answered, calling for a legal conclusion, and I will instruct the witness not to answer that question. 1222 BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Did you have an understanding about whether or not 25] there were any limitations on what foreign money could be

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(1) taken in by the NPF?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I will instruct the witness not to answer because the witness has previously answered this question and it calls for a legal-

MR. ROBBINS: You're going to instruct him not to (6) answer on the basis that you think it's been asked and answered? (T)

MP. WEINSTEIN: I think that you are badgering the

MR. ROBBINS: All right. Let's do a list of [11] questions so we can have a record to present to the (†25 committee.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Did you have a conversation with the chairman [15] about whether or not the National Policy Forum could accept money from foreign sources, even those which did not have (17) American subsidiaries? 1:81

A: No, I don't remember having that conversation? Q: Did you have-was it your understanding that the [20] NPF could accept money from foreign sources, even ones which [21] did not have American corporations?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I'm going to instruct the witness not to answer having previously answered the question. He has previously answered the question-

MR. ROBBINS: What was his answer?

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MR. WEINSTEIN: The record reflects it. [1] MR. ROBBINS: Do you know what the answer is? [2] MR. WEINSTEIN: Sir, the record will reflect what [3] the answer is.

MR. ROBBINS: Okay-

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MR. WEINSTEIN: But I do know he was asked it. BY MA. ROBBINS:

Q: Did you have a communication with anybody about whether or not the National Policy Forum, Mr. Reed, could [10] take money from foreign sources without limitation? MR. WEINSTEIN: Aside from the chairman? [11]

MR. ROBBINS: Anybody.

THE WITNESS: I don't remember having that [14] conversation, no.

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Had anybody ever provided you with any information

(17) at the time that you wrote this memo, sir, suggesting that [18] you could not take money from foreign sources-that the NPF, (19) excuse me, could not take money from foreign sources? [20]

A: As I said earlier, this was brought to my [21] attention because of a specific issue regarding Toyota.

Q: I appreciate that, but that's not my question-MR. WEINSTEIN: No, no, no, you asked him the [24] question. Let him give you the answer. BY MR. ROBBINS:

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Q: Did anybody ever indicate to you that the NPF [2] could not take foreign contributions from certain sources?

A: Not to my recollection, no.

Q: Did anybody indicate to you that the NPF could [5] take money from whatever foreign source it wanted to because it was different than the RNC?

A: It was brought to my attention that a foreign in company with a U.S. subsidiary had interest in contributing. I then fleshed it out to see if it was legal. I was told [10] that it was legal to give to the NPF, which is why I put it [11] on this memo as a point of discussion for the chairman to [12] make a policy decision on how he was going to deal with (13) that.

Q: I must not be making myself clear. Were you-MR. WEINSTEIN: Or you're just not liking the (16) answer that you're receiving BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Were you provided-

MR. WEINSTEIN: "because he said this five or six [19] (20) times already.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Were you provided with information that foreign (22) izsi sources, regardless of whether or not they had an American subsidiary-are you with me so far?-could contribute to the [24] [25] National Policy Forum?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I believe he just answered that question-

MR. ROBBINS: No. sir-

THE WITNESS: And I'll answer it again. No. I do [5] not recollect being advised of that by anybody.

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Was there a discussion at this June-at a meeting 171 about money from foreign sources that might be coming into [0] the National Policy Forum? 9

A: I don't remember the meeting.

Q: Was there ever any meeting about foreign money 12 coming into the National Policy Forum?

A: I don't remember any discussions in addition to [13] [14] this and in any meeting about foreign money, no, I don't. Q: Did you seek legal counsel in June of 1993 to assist you in understanding what money the National Policy [15] [16]

Forum could and could not take in? [17]

A: I don't remember if I sought legal counsel. [18] Q: To your knowledge, did the National Policy Forum consult with legal counsel about it? [19] [50]

A: I have no idea.

Q: To your knowledge, did the RNC do so?

[22] MR. WEINSTEIN: Do what? [23] THE WITNESS: I have no idea [24]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Was it your understanding that the limitations on

17 what the RNC could accept were different than those on what

the National Policy Forum could accept?

A: Yes, I had that understanding.

Q: What was your understanding of the difference?

A: That the Republican National Committee legally 77 could not accept foreign contributions; that a 501(c)(3) or (c)(4), whatever the NPF was set up to be, could legally accept foreign contributions from companies with U.S. subsidiaries.

Q: And only foreign corporations from American subsidiaries?

A: That's what I thought at the time, because in the premise that this was discussed, it revolved around Toyota.

[14] Q: Did you talk to anybody from Toyota? [;5]

A: No.

Q: Who talked to you about Toyota?

[18] A: I don't remember

Q: Somebody at the RNC or somebody at the NPF?

(191 A: I don't remember if anybody talked to me about it. I just remember hearing that it was an issue and I thought [21] it needed to be addressed. And as my role as an advisor to (23) the chairman, I thought it was something he should be aware (24) of and discuss with Baroody and Hill to make a policy (25) decision.

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Q: And was it discussed with Baroody and Hill?

A: I don't know. I don't remember if I was in this meeting. I often wrote memos to the chairman for his

meetings. I didn't sit in every meeting.

Q: Did you ever receive any information that this subject of foreign money was discussed with Baroody and (6) Hill? [7]

A: No, I don't remember.

Q: And so I understand it, do you have any

recollection of any conversation with Mr. Barbour about any limitations at all on any foreign money that could legally [12] go into the National Policy Forum?

A: I don't have any specific recollections, but I do remember that we discussed the fact, and he told me that (14) [15] foreign companies with U.S. subsidiaries could legally give [16] to a nonprofit like the NPF.

Q: Was it your understanding that foreign [18] corporations-that American subsidiaries-oh, I see. Let me see if I can understand this better.

[19] In your capacity as executive director of the RNC 1201 in 1993-94, was it your understanding that American [21] [22] subsidiaries of foreign corporations could contribute to the (23) RNC?

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Q: You didn't know they could?

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A: I didn't know they could at the time.

Q: You didn't think that American companies-MR. WEINSTEIN: You asked him this question, and he's given you what he thought.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: You didn't think that American companies-

A: At the time I-

Q: -which had foreign parents could contribute-

О A: At the time I didn't know the law. [10]

When did you learn the law? A: Sometime during 1993. I don't remember when.

Q: And when you-and by the end of 1993, did you know that American subsidiaries of foreign corporations could contribute to the RNC?

[15] Q: And by the end of 1993, you thought that the foreign corporations themselves could contribute to the [18] National Policy Forum so long as they had American (19) subsidiaries

A: Legally, yes.
Q: Well, did you seek-did you ever seek to ensure [21] the National Policy Forum was complying with any 1221 [23] requirements applicable to it?

A: No. it wasn't my job.

Well, it wasn't your job to do this memo, either.

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Page 163 MR. WEINSTEIN: Is that a question or is that an [2] editorial statement? MR. ROBBINS: A question. He must have viewed his job as an advisor to the chairman. MR. WEINSTEIN: Then ask him the question-

MR. ROBBINS: Then I'll ask if the witness can [7] answer the question.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Then ask him the question.

MR. ROBBINS: I thought I did.

MR. WEINSTEIN: You told him it wasn't part-THE WITNESS: Obviously, I thought this was part (12) of my job to advise the chairman on a new organization he (13) was setting up.

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[14] Q: Well, so part of your job was to advise the [15] (16) chairman of the Republican Party and the NPF about these [17] seven fund-raising issues; right?

A: And a number of other things on the page, yeah.

Q: Including the seven fund-raising issues?

A: Yeah. [50]

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Q: Did you ever advise the chairman to take any steps [21] 122 to ensure that contributions to the NPF were legal?

A: Not that I remember, no.

Q: Is this the only-did you ever have any 25 communication with Mr. Barbour, other than the notification

19 you got about the infusion of money at the end of '94, about

[2] specific fund-raising prospects for the NPF? A: Not that I can remember, no. .. [3]

Q: Do you know who he dealt with on that?

A: At the National Policy Forum?

Q: Anyplace.
A: No, I don't. [6] ž [7]

Q: Did you ever receive a business plan from the NPF?

[4] A: Not that I remember. I may have, or he may have, (10) which I may have seen a copy of. But I don't remember (11) receiving it, no.

Q: Did you ever see it, whether you received it or

(13) ROT?

A: I don't remember. As I remember, there were [14] [15] probably numerous business plans for this operation.

Q: What makes you say that?

A: Because it went through, as I remember, different [17] starts and stops. [18]

Q: And where would you see those, if you saw them? [19]

A: Physically where would I see them?

Q: Yeah. [21]

A: In my office. 127

Q: How would they have gotten to you?

A: Through the mail. [24]

Q: From whom?

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A: Through somebody at NPF.

Q: A target list, was that ever developed?

A: I don't know. Not to my recollection.

Q: Did anybody at the RNC assist you on NPF matters?

141 A: No, with the exception of Jay Banning and the

lawyers who processed the money. [6]

Q: Do you know whether or not the National Policy Forum-I don't think I'm saying anything controversial. It frequently is the case that both sides through a financial transaction have their own lawyers. It's not always the 1101 [11] case, but frequently. Do you know if the National Policy

[12] Forum had its own lawyers representing it in connection with [13] these promissory notes between it and the RNC? A: I took for granted it did. [14]

Q: Did you ever learn whether or not it did?

A: No, but I took for granted it did. I knew they had counsel. I figured they were smart enough to show it to [17]

(10) them Q: Who was its counsel? [19]

A: I believe it was Linda Long.

Q: And how is it that you know that she was the NPF's

(22) counsel?

A: Somebody told me.

Q: Who? [24]

A: I don't remember.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Is this a good place to stop for

[2] lunch, counsel?

MR. ROBBINS: Sure.

[4] [Whereupon, at 12:28 p.m., the deposition [5] recessed, to reconvene at 1:30 p.m., this same day.]

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#### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

[1:41 p.o.] MR. WEINSTEIN: Let the record reflect that Mr.

Reed has returned from hunch and is voluntarily ready to answer more questions.
MR. ROBBINS: Under oath.
MR. WEINSTEIN: Under oath.

Whereupon, SCOTT REED

resumed the stand and, having been previously duly sworn,

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was examined and testified further as follows:

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MINORITY

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BY MR. ROBBINS:

[14] (15) Q: Let me place before you a document which we'll not have marked as Exhibit 6. This is June 28, 1994. It's a

memo from Michael Baroody to the chairman of the Republican

Party and the chairman of the National Policy Forum. [Reed Deposition Exhibit No. 6

marked for identification.] [20]

[Witness perusing document.] BY MR. ROBBINS: [21]

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Q: Now, there are-let me see if they're on the [23]

[24] exhibit 25 well-notations on this document. I don't know

whose they are. Let me ask you if you have ever seen

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m Exhibit 6 before.

A: To my recollection, I don't remember ever seeing

this. I do remember

MR. WEINSTEIN: Can we identify that-I mean, just

identify for purposes that it's a June 28, 1994, memorandum. MP. (AOBBINS: I thought I had done just that-[5] MR. WEINSTEIN: Oh, have you? Maybe I missed-MR. ROBBINS: I'll be happy to have that done [7]

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MR. WEINSTEIN: No, no. If you've done that, (101 that's fine. I may have missed it. [11]

MR. SHAW: Also, I would just like to note that

there is no Bates number on this document. 1131

MR. ROBBINS: Good. [14]

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MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay, sir. We interrupted you.
THE WITNESS: My question was have I ever seen (16?

(17) this document. [18]

BY MR. ROBBINS:

G: Yes. My question was had you ever seen it, and your answer was? [19] (20)

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A: Not to my recollection.

Q: Okay. The second paragraph refers to a discussion

reflecting, according to the author of this, Chairman Barbour's "belief that considerable money could be raised

25) for this effort from foreign sources." Does this refresh

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Page 169 [1] your recollection as to whether or not you ever had any such 2 conversation with Chairman Barbour? MA. WEINSTEIN: Wait a second. That assumes that

he didn't have a recollection to start with. I believe in [5] the morning session he answered-

MR. ROBBINS: Oh, I'm-

MR. WEINSTEIN: -the full extent of his 177 discussion, so I don't think he needs to have his recollection refreshed if he didn't have a lack of

[10] recollection to start with.

MR. ROBBINS: Well, let's just see about-let's 1111 [12] See THE WITNESS: What's your question? [13]

BY MR. ROBBINS: [14] Q: Do you have a recollection of conversations you [15] had with Chairman Barbour about raising "considerable money" [16] from foreign sources? (17)

A: I never had a conversation with him about raising considerable money from foreign sources, no. F191

[50] Q: Did you ever have any conversation with Chairman Barbour about raising money from foreign sources other than [21] what you've already testified to? [22]

A: Not that I can remember, no.

Q: Did you ever have a conversation with Mr. Baroody [25] about raising money from foreign sources?

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A: Not that I remember, no.

Q: Did you ever have a conversation with anybody at [2] [3] NPF to that effect?

A: No, not that I remember.

Q: Did you ever have a conversation with anybody at i5! [6] NPF about fund-raising strategies that you can remember?

A: Not that I can remember specifically, no.

Q: Whether or not you can remember it specifically or (8) gg generally, any such conversation?

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[11] Q: Can you recall any conversation with either anybody at the RNC or anybody at the NPF about taking steps [13] to ensure that the NPF's tax-exempt status was not [14] jeopardized? A: No, I don't remember any conversations on that at [15]

[16] 211 Q: Page 2 of this exhibit, if you'll turn to that-[17]

[18] you may be there already. A: I'm there. [19]

Q: The third full paragraph that begins with the word (20) "Virtually," do you see that Mr. Baroody-[21]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Whose underlinings are these, may [22] (23) Lask?

MR. ROBBINS: I don't know. [24]

MR. WEINSTEIN: They're not yours? 25

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MR. ROBBINS: No, they're not mine. MR. WEINSTEIN: When I say "yours," they're not

lawyers or-MR. ROBBINS: I just don't know. As I say, I

[5] don't know. [6]

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IR. WEINSTEIN: Okay.

MR. ROBBINS: I can't say any more ways than that that I don't know.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: It says, "Instead, I met routinely with your RNC (101 staff." Did you meet routinely with Mr. Baroody? [11]

A: I don't know how you define routinely. I met with [12] Baroody a handful of times. Usually the chairman was there, [13] so it was the chairman meeting with Baroody [14]

Q: Whether or not-I don't really care who called for 115 the meeting. Did you participate in meetings with Mr. [16]

[17] Baroody? A: Yes. (18)

Q: How frequently? [19]

A: Maybe once or twice a month for a period in the 20 beginning. (21)

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Q: Lasting how long?
MR. WEINSTEIN: The meetings lasted how long or [23] the period-[24]

MR. ROBBINS: I'm sorry. [52]

THE WITNESS: I can't put a direct time line 27 around it. I mean, there were periodic meetings. If I was [3] available and had lesser things to do, I would be in the [4] meeting.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Well, I don't really know what that tells us. I guess my question is: Can you give me an estimate on how 171 frequently you met with Mr. Baroody? [8]

MR. WE!NSTEIN: During what period?

MR. ROBBINS: At any period.

THE WITNESS: I probably had 12 meetings, maybe 15 [11] [12] meetings over the two-year period with Baroody that I was in (13) the room with Baroody.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: And what were the purposes of these-what was the [16] purpose or what were the purposes of these meetings?

A: Well, they had to do with the NPF and the [17] direction it was going.

Q: In what respect? (195

[20] A: Sometimes in respect to how it was running as an [21] organization, what it's political goals were, sometimes in respect to the direction it was going, what it was getting accomplished. They were general meetings. I was not [24] managing the National Policy Forum, and so I didn't-

Q: And I didn't ask you if you were managing. I'm

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[1] just asking you about whether you participated in the meeting. So I'm not interested in what you didn't do. I'm [3] just asking about the meetings that you attended.

A: And I answered you.

G: Is there any other subject you can recall being

discussed at any of those meetings?

A: I'm sure we discussed at some time the progress on the forum meetings around the country, were they taking place. I'm sure we discussed at some time different ideas of Republican leaders that could play leadership roles. I'm [11] sure we discussed at some time the book and the publication (12) that was going to be put in place, was that going to get 1131 done on time. Those three things come to mind.

Q: And you have not mentioned fund-raising as [14] is anything which came up. Is that something which came up?

A: It may have come up. I don't remember it as [17] something that came up often. As I told you earlier, my (18) discussions about fund-raising were with the chairman.

Q: Well, now, if Mr. Baroody says-and I know you're not Mr. Baroody and you don't know what he's referring to, [21] obviously; you're not in his mind. But when he says that he (22) met routinely with your RNC staff, do you know who else he met with even from time to time, other than yourself and Mr. [24] Barbour, who were employees of the RNC?

A: No, I don't know what he's talking about. It

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[1] could have been, you know, turning in paper to Sanford McAllister that had to get to Haley, who was his executive assistance. 3 [4]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Who was Haley's executive-THE WITNESS: Haley's executive assistant. I don't know what he's talking about.

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Your testimony is, as I understand it, that you have no knowledge of anybody other than yourself and Mr. Barbour who, in fact, met with Mr. Baroody?

MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't know if that's his testimony. I think his testimony was he wasn't sure who meeting routinely with RNC staff was

BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Would you answer my question?

Your question is?

Q: You don't have any knowledge-your testimony is [17] is you don't have any knowledge of anybody who Mr. Baroody met with at the RNC other than Mr. Barbour and yourself? 1195

A: I can remember one meeting where Sanford [21] McAllister was in the room with Mr. Baroody and Don Fierce

was in the room with Mr. Baroody. Q: Okay And Don Fierce, you said, was the liaison

with the congressional delegation? A: Congressional relations

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Q: Congressional relations, And what was the [2] discussion, what was discussed at the meeting involving yourself and Mr. Baroody and Mr. Fierce, and perhaps others? (3) What was discussed at that meeting?

A: Well, I don't remember specifically, but it was probably the issues I just laid out earlier that would be ongoing issues, progress of the forums around the country, people that were playing leadership roies, where we werewhen we were going to get to our final product. [10]

Q: And never funding that you recall?

A: I don't remember fund-raising being a big issue at (12) those meetings, no.

Q: Anybody else at the RNC with whom you believe Mr. [14] Baroody met?

A: Not that I can remember, no.

Q: Take a look at the next paragraph. It says, "I 1161 [17] had understood at the outset this would be an organization [16] separate from the RNC. Though both would be chaired by you, (19) they would operate distinctly. I had this understanding not go, only because you and others told me so, but because the (21) deliberate decision had been made to organize the NPF under

1221 Section 501(c)(4) of the Federal Tax Code. That provision gay requires separate operation. Especially in recent months, gay it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the fiction

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ें (ग I take it that you were at the RNC when the NPF | Was actually organized; is that correct? . [<del>3]</del>

A: Correct.

O: And did you participate in that? MR. WEINSTEIN: Participate in what? MR. ROBBINS: The organization of the NPP THE WITNESS: I possibly did early in the early stages. A lot of that we discussed this morning. MR. WEINSTEIN: What do you mean by organization?

groy I mean, he-

MR. ROBBINS: There's no question pending now. [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, but, I mean, if you want a [12] clear record, organization means a lot of different things [131 You know, was he on the staff over there? What did he do [14] [15] for the chairman? I mean, that means a lot of different [16] things?

[17] IR. ROBBINS: Are you all finished? [18]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, I'm finished whenever you're [19] finished. I'm just trying to help you clarify the question. MR. ROBBINS: I appreciate that.

BY MR. ROBBINS: (22) Q: Did you participate at all in any aspect of the (23) organization of the NPF?

A: Yes.

Q: What did you do?

A: I was there as an advisor to the chairman as it was going through the set-up stages. [2]

Q: What did you do to advise-MR. WEINSTEIN: But you asked this this morning. [3] I mean, why-why are we asking-or why are you asking the same exact question every few hours? I think it's-I think it's abusive. I think it's badgering the witness. I think er it's unfair. And I will put on the record that I think it ly is really abuse of process, and if this is the reason why we [10] are here for several hours so we can ask the same question [11] over and over again, then I think that's improper. And with (12) that, I will let him, if he can remember, try and repeat his [13] answer that he said this morning. [14]

MR. ROBBINS: Thank you BY MR. ROBBINS:

Q: Would you do so, please? A: What's your question?

Q: What did you do to advise the chairman with 19 respect to the organization of the NPF?

A: I gave him some ideas on some of the types of [20] people that could play a leadership role as co-chairmen of [21] the different policy groups.

Q: Anything else? [22] [23]

A: That's probably the most creative thing I did for

Page 178 Q: Well, actually, I'm not that interested in your iz being modest or rating the quality of the ideas that you m had, particularly. What I'm interested in is every aspect of the organization in which you played a role. A: Okay, and I've answered your question. Q: Okay. Did you discuss, for example, organizing it as a tax-exempt entity? A: I don't remember if I discussed that or not. If I'm not mistaken, that was part of when he laid out his plan on why he was going to run for chairman. I believe it may [11] have been designed at that time-Q: By him? [12] A: -prior to my time. (13 1143 Yeah. I don't remember if we discussed that or (ISI not 116 Q: Okay. This memo was written, obviously, in June (17) of 1994, and he says, quote, "Especially in recent months, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the fiction [74] (19) of separation." Did anything happen in 1994 which suggested that 1201 (211

any separation between the two entities has ceased to be? (22) A: Not in my eyes. I think this is just his

editorial comments.

Q: Do you know if he's referring to any idea? 1241

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Q: Did he have a discussion with you about a concern that the RNC and the NPF were ceasing to be separate?

A: No, but, you know, he was-as I remember, he became a little frustrated about his leadership role at the NPF, and that may have been established in this letter he

Q: You felt that this was a function of him being [7] frustrated?

MR. WEINSTEIN: He doesn't know. He's saying he was frustrated, and he's speculating.

MR. ROBBINS: Oh, okay

BY MR. ROBBINS:

112 Q: Did he indicate why he was frustrated? [130

A: No. I could just tell he was.

[14] Q: How? (15)

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A: I could just tell he was frustrated.

1173 Q: Did he identify any respect in which he was frustrated? (10)

A: No.

[19] Q: Did he indicate in any way any aspect of his 120 frustration? [21]

A: No. I just think he came to the conclusion that

this thing wasn't moving on as well as he had hoped it would pay have a year ago when he signed on, and I could see it in the work product.

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Q: Well, you met with him 12 to 15 times over the 2-year period, correct?

A: Approximately, as I can remember.

Q: Did he articulate any satisfaction about any [4] aspect of the NPF's operation or its relationship with the RNC? 161

n Q: Did the chairman, Chairman Barbour, indicate to you any information he had about any respect in which Mr. Baroody was frustrated?

A: I think there may have been some comments about [11] the slow pace of some of the progress over there on doing [12] [13] things, yeah.

Q: The chairman's frustration with the NPF?

A: Uh-huh. [Nodding head up and down.] [15] [1**6**] Q: Correct? You have to say yes or no, for the 117

record. A: Yes. [16]

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Q: What was it that the chairman indicated he was

frustrated by? 201 A: Some of the pace of the Forum and the forums it [21] was having around the country, the slowness of getting them [23]

Q: Did he ask you to play any role in improving the (24)

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Pag A: No. G: But the chairman never indicated that Mr. Baroody [2] was frustrated? [3] A: No. [4] Q: Now, the next paragraph says, quote, among other 151 things, my strong view that our 501(c)(4) application m require that we not respond to pressure from party organizations either to cancel the event, referring to the Fresno forum, or move an invited listener from the panel who were unequivocally shared by outside counsel to the NPF and [11] communicated by both of us directly to you. These concerns were dismissed by you and by one of your staff as so much [13] legal B.S. Do you know what that refers to? [14] A: I don't remember. Fresno forum sounds like a [15] place where they were having a forum. Q: Yes. Did-5163 A: There were hundreds of these things, if I'm not (17) 1181 mistaken, and I didn't really follow them that closely. Q: Well, was there anybody other than yourself at the RNC who was designated as the person or a person to deal 1201 [21] with the NPF? [22] A: No, but I wasn't designated to deal with the NPF. Q: You weren't either. Was anybody? [23] A: Not to my knowledge, no. [24] Q: Do you know of anybody at the RNC who regularly

Page 184 If he's referring to-he must be referring to you, [2] right? A: Uh-huh. [Nodding head up and down.] [3] Q: Yes? [4] [5] A: He must be. MR. WEINSTEIN: Do you know? THE WITNESS: Well, if there was no-I was the M only person that operated like a chief of staff, but that 191 wasn't my title. BY MR. ROBBINS: [10] Q: But if there is a chief of staff at the RNC, '93. [11] '94, it's you, right? (12) A: Nobody called me the chief of staff at the RNC. I 1131 [24] was the executive director. Q: Did you ever tell Mr. Baroody, Mr. Reed, that you [15] and he had met routinely over the previous 18 months? [16] 1171 A: No. Q: You had met at least once every four to six weeks, [18] [19] correct? A: Well, as I said, I thought it was about 12 to 15 (50) [21] times. 122 Q: Over the course of-[53] A: Over the course of a year. Q: Over the course of the year or the two years? [24] A: Well, if I'm not mistaken, Baroody didn't come on Page 185 [1] the scene until around June of '95, and according to this, |z| he resigned-MR. WEINSTEIN: June of '93? THE WITNESS: I mean, June of '93. And he resigned June of '94. So that's about a year BY MR. ROBBINS:

[1] received communications from the NPF other than yourself and [2] Mr. Barbour? A: Except for staff people that work for the (4) chairman, that they may have gone to him before they went to (5) Haley Q: Which staff people are you thinking of besides [7] McAllister? A: Sanford, probably. Maybe Barbara, who was his (81 secretary 191 Q: Did you ever learn that counsel for the NPF had [10] communicated concerns to the RNC about the potential jeopardizing of NPF's tax-exempt status? A: No. [13] Q: Never heard of any such thing? [14] A: No. [15] Q: The next page, the paragraph that begins, "Other [16] examples," it says, "Under other examples, underscore my [18] concern that separate between NPF and RNC is a fiction. The (19) interim health care report was not released because it was [20] thought that doing so would interfere with GOP advertising you had undertaken." Any recollection at all about what [21] that involved? [22] A: No, none [23] Q: It says, quote, "I note one other example that raises the separate organization issue. The production of

Q: Okay, fair enough. So that, in the year that he П was head of the NPE you met with him about 12 to 15 times? A: I would guesstimate about 12 to 15 times. 150 MR. WEINSTEIN: And I think when he's referring to 1101 [11] years, he's referring to calendar years '93 and '94, and the year that Baroody was there was the calendar year. It was a [12] [13] 12-month-MR. ROBBINS: Making sure I understand-[14] THE WITNESS: That's what I was referring to. អេទា BY MR. ROBBINS: 1163 Q: In the year that Mr. Baroody was at NPF, you met (17] with him 12 to 15 times? (18) [19] A: I guess 12 to 15 times, yes.

th: Let's take a look at another document. July 28,

MR. ROBBINS: Let's have that marked as the next

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25 marked for identification.)

Page 183 (1) the Listening to America summary report was turned over to [2] RNC staff. I was informed they would volunteer their time, which I believe to be another fiction." Any recollection of [3] (e) that? A: I believe at the time, there was a problem with the publication getting done on time, and I believe at the time, one of the young men that worked down in our Publication Division, who was very competent, volunteered to 191 go help them pull this project together. It was a project with a lot of moving parts, with getting copy approved and [10] [11] to a printer, so that a product could actually come out at a [12] date certain. Q: Did the chairman have a chief of staff? [13] A: Nobody by the title of chief of staff, no. [14] Q: Who functioned that way? [15] [16] A: I did as the executive director. Q: The next paragraph says, quote, "The sentiment of [17] [18] much of the staff here is that we are operated like a

[19] division of the RNC. You may recall a meeting last fall

[21] had not spent much time at all together," and there is a

[23] staff objected quite forcefully to my statement. He and I

[25] had not.

[22] parentheses. Then, the next sentence says, "Your chief of

[24] had met routinely," he said. "My point was that you and I

[20] when I voiced my concern and disappointment that you and I

(1) [Witness perusing document.] 21 MR. SHAW: Excuse me, Jeff. I just want to note [3] for the record that this document does not have a Bates (4) number on it. MR. ROBBINS: Okav. MR. SHAW: Would you have any idea where this document came from, and has this been shared with the Majority? MR. ROBBINS: I don't know where it came from, and I assume-I can only assume that it has been shared with the [10] Majority. (11) MR. WEINSTEIN: See, I must confess something that I myself am a little mystified about. Some of these 1131 documents indicate that they are-were received by facsimile [14] [15] from the National Policy Forum on July 28, 1993 at approximately 12:15. Other documents-other parts of the document do not, i.e., the last page and, in fact, the 1177 [18] facsimile cover page. I think the second page does have the fax I.D., but it's just been poorly Xeroxed. So it is [19] unclear whether or not this is, in fact, one document. (50) MR. ROBBINS: Okay, I take your point, but I'm [21] [22] going to keep asking questions

BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Did you ever see this before? A: Not to my recollection, no

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SCHARL COMMISSION OR GOACI WINGING SPECIALS July 11, 1997 CONFIDENTIAL Page 187 Page 190 Q: Are you-any other Scott that you remember working (1) read it in order to-[2] at the RNC in '93, '94? A: Yes, I would read it. A: Not that I remember, no. Q: Okay. So your practice when you got faxes that Q: The fax number was 863-8773? (4) did get to you would be to read them, correct? A: I really don't remember. A: Correct. Q: Haley would have been Haley Barbour. Sanford Q: Did you ever file them someplace? would have been Sanford McAllister. Let's hold who Scott A: Not that I remember, I didn't keep a lot of 7 was for a second. Henry was who? Was there a Henry? in files. It really wasn't necessary at an organization that A: It could have been Henry Barbour. had people that were in their position doing their jobs. Q: Henry Barbour? Who did Henry Barbour work for in [10] Q: Did you keep any files at all? '93, '94? [11] A: I probably did on some different status of races (111 A: The Finance director, Al Mitchler. [12] and things like that, polling data I would receive. I know [12] Q: Of the? [13] I read all the field reports we'd get from the field. I [13] A: Republican National Committee. [14] don't know if I kept them all, but I know I didn't leave [14] Q: And Millie M., who was that? (15) with them. A: I don't have a clue. Q: Did you ever destroy any documents, other than [19] Q: All right. Or is it Mike M.? [17] throwing them out routinely with-(17) A: I don't know. A: No. 1181 fici Q: The fourth page of this exhibit-MR. WEINSTEIN: You mean the one that is indicated Q: Was there a place at the RNC where files of [18] 719 documents that weren't being used day to day were kept, some it says page 4 up on here?
MR. ROBBINS: Yes. I believe the same 4 that I [21] kind of storage area or central filing area? [21] A: I believe the RNC had an off-out-of-the-building (22) was thinking of. [23] facility where they stored old documents, yeah, somewhere (23) MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. 120 like a rental place, boxes from old records. I think you [24] BY MR. ROBBINS: pas have to keep FEC records back to 8 or 10 years. 25 Page 188 Page 191 (h) Q: Where was that facility located? Q: It says Ron Lauder, TU out, and it says need to fig discuss this with-or w/Scott R. Did you have a A: Somewhere in Maryland, I don't know where. is conversation with Kelly-is it Guesnier? Q: Has that facility been searched? MR. WEINSTEIN: We're not going to answer any [4] [5] A: Guesnier. questions that don't pertain to information regarding Mr. C: -Guesnier about approaching Mr. Lauder for money? A: Not to my recollection, no. I don't know why I Reed. If you want to raise that after the deposition, I'm [7] more than happy to talk to your or other folks about it.
[8] MR. ROBBINS: I have no difficulty doing it on the would have said that. n Q: David Koch. Did you ever participate in any discussion about raising money for Mr. Koch for the NPF? . [0] record. [11] [10] A: No, not to my recollection. MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't want to waste Mr. Reed's [10] O: Did you ever participate in any conversation about [11] time. [12] raising money from any of the individuals identified on this MR. ROBBINS: Just one little answer? [12] MR. WEINSTEIN: We're going to be walking out the [13] document for NPF? (131 A: Not that I remember, no. I was not engaged in [14] door at 4:30, and-[14] MR. ROBBINS: Okay.
MR. WEINSTEIN: -if you want to take your time [15] [15] raising money for the NPF. Q: Right. Whether or not you were-[16] A: Well, I wasn't. [17] doing that-[17] Q: Jorge Mass, do you know that name? A: Yes. MR. ROBBINS: Sure, go ahead. [18] MR. WEINSTEIN: -then after we're done, the **[19**] [19] Q: Who is that? (20) record will-[20] MR. ROBBINS: You can leave at 4:30, but I just [21] A: He's the head of the Cuban-American Foundation out wondered if you would answer my question.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Robbins, get on with this, of Miami. (22) Q: Even if you have not seen this document or can't (24) remember seeing it, does this refresh your recollection [24] please. BY MR. ROBBINS: [25] about ever receiving written communications or oral Page 192 [1] communications from anybody at the NPF about fund-raising? Q: Was it your practice-how do you know that this MR. WEINSTEIN: It's not clear that his memory [2] facility was kept in Maryland? needs to be refreshed. He has already answered the A: Because we would normally have to look up records (3) question, and-MR. ROBBINS: I can help you out, no problem. from something from the past from before I got there, from before the chairman got there, and Jay Banning, who managed [5] MR. WEINSTEIN: Please the facility, would send somebody out to retrieve them. [6] Q: So Jay Banning was the person with the most knowledge of that facility? BY MR. ROBBINS: Q: Other than what you may have already testified to, A: I believe so, yeah. [9] does this refresh your recollection as to any additional Q: And it was one of his jobs to administer it? [10] communications you had with anybody from NPF about A: He was the director of Administration. That was 1111 part of Administration. A: It doesn't refresh my memory, no. It looks like a Q: And your understanding, were there lists kept of standard memo that was going to Haley about the status of fund-raising and some action items for him, and obviously, I was copied on them. (14) the files if-A: I don't have a clue how it was organized. I 115 [18] imagine it was organized, though.
[17] Q: Is there anybody else in Mr. Banning's shop, so to Q: What was your practice when you got faxes? A: Not all faxes always got to me. 118) speak, that would have knowledge about how those files were Q: Right, sure. What about the faxes that got to

[11] fund-raising? (12) [13] [15] [17] [181 (19) you? A: If they were important, I would discuss them with the chairman, if they were relevant to him.

Q: And if you read them or decided that you-[21] 727 A: If it wasn't something I was dealing with, I'd

Q: Would you read it first? I take it, you would

(18) kept? A: Not-I don't know. Q: At any time, did the RNC impose any conditions on (21) the making of loans to the NPF?

A: Well, if I'm not mistaken, from the documents you [24] showed me this morning, there were conditions in there about 251 the repayment with interest.

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Page 193 Q: You're right. You're absolutely right about that. What I meant was anything in addition to that. 121 A: Not to my knowledge, no. [3] MR. SHAW: He's referring to Exhibit 4. [4] BY MR. ROBBINS: [5] Q: Did you ever have any discussion about [6] [7] fund-raising goals for the NPF? A: Not to my recollection. [8] MR. ROBBINS: Off the record. [Discussion off the record.] [10] [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: Where were we now? BY MR. ROBBINS: [12] (12) Q: Did you ever participate in any conversation about [13] [14] fund-raising goals for the NPF? MR. WEINSTEIN: Why are we asking this same [15] per question now, the fourth or fifth time? MR. ROBBINS: You're taking more time. [17] MR. WEINSTEIN: Are you asking him other than what [18] (19) he has already answered to in the past? MR. ROBBINS: Actually, I am just asking the (20) (21) question. BY MR. ROBBINS: [22] Q: So, if you'd answer it, that would be great. 23 [23] A: Ask it again. [24] (25) Q: Did you participate in any conversations with Page 194 [9] anybody about fund-raising goals for the NPF A: I'm sure I participated in conversations with the [3] Chairman about some of the goals in the early days, yeah,

[4] and how it was going to get up and running because I needed is to know how much money we were going to have to lend it. Q: What do you remember about conversations with the

chairman about fund-raising goals? A: I don't remember anything in specific.

Q: Did you discuss with him a fund-raising plan for (10) the NPF? A: I don't remember discussing with hun a

[11] (12) fund-raising plan. I'm sure there was one that existed. Q: Did you discuss with him, at the beginning or

(13) otherwise, specific individuals who would be approached or [14] who might be approached for money? [15]

A: I'm sure I did. I don't remember who I mentioned, 217 but I believe at the time, after we announced it, there was a lot of interest in this, and people were calling and : • •i showing interested, and I passed it along.

Q: How was it announced? :201

A: Well, as I remember, it was one of the things that [21] was part of his plank when he ran for chairman throughout [23] December and January, and it received some press coverage at

[24] the time. Then, I believe, it was formally announced in [25] April with a press conference with Haley, and I believe some

(i) members of the board may have been there, but I'm not sure. [2] I wasn't involved in the press conference
[3] Q: Was it a joint RNCNPF announcement?

A: No. It would have been a straight-out NPF

[5] announcement. I'm sure it wasn't a joint announcement.

Q: You're sure about that?

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Q: How are you so sure about that?

A: Because we wouldin't have done anything like that, 110) because they were separate organizations

Q: Did the chairman from time to time take [11] [12] fund-raising trips on behalf of the NPF? By the chairman, I mean Mr. Barbour.

A: He did a lot of traveling and a lot of 1141

[15] fund-raising. I don't remember any being specifically for [16] NPF

[17] Q: Whenever he did traveling, were the expenses paid for by RNC funds? [18]

A: Yeah, to my knowledge. We had a separate budget [19] (20) item for the chairman's travel.

Q: Did he ever attend any of the NPF forums? [21]

A: I'm not sure. Q: Did you?

A: No. I definitely didn't. [24]

Q: Did anybody else at the RNC ever do so? [52]

A: Nobody on the staff that I'm aware of. He may In have gone to one of the early ones, but I just don't

Q: Do you know whether or not the RNC paid for that or the NPF paid for that?

A: I don't have any idea. First of all, I don't know (7) if he went

Q: Right.

A: And if he did, I don't know how it was paid for. 8

Q: Did the RNC ever interview potential employees for 1107 the NPF? [111]

A: The RNC-anybody in particular or-

Q: Well, you're right. You or Mr. Barbour? [13] A: I know Mr. Barbour did, especially for hiring

[14] 115) Baroody. I probably met with them after they were either

hired or not hired. I knew Baroody from around town

already, but I don't think I would-I know I wasn't in the

[18] chain of command for a decision on somebody who would be hired, but I probably met them, either on the way in or the

way out. I'm not aware of anybody else at the RNC that would have met with anybody about hiring practices. [21]

MR. WEINSTEIN: At the NPF? 1221

THE WITNESS: At the NPF BY MR. ROBBINS:

(25) Q: Did you-

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(1) A: And-

Q: Go ahead.

A: Just one other last thing-例

Q: Sure.

A: -I believe once Baroody was hired and a few of the other senior people, that Baroody did all the hiring, if I'm not mistaken, or close to all the hiring.

Q: Did you ever review a budget of the NPF?

A: I don't specifically remember reviewing a budget,

no but I wouldn't be surprised if I didn't-I did-if I did.

Q: Why? 109

A: Because probably early on, once we started, when we were laying out the plan on how we were going to lend this institution money to get started, I needed to have a basic understanding of cash flow on what we were going to

ing need to make available the loan, and I wanted to have that 107 built into my cash flow

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Q: You never met Mr. Young or any one of the Young Brothers? 119

A: I never met Mr. Young. Never met Mr. Young, never 20 [21] met Mr. Volcansek, and never met Mr. Young, Jr.

Q: Did you ever speak to them? (22)

A: No. (23)

Q: Ever receive any communication of any kind from 24 psy cither of them?

Page 198 A: Not unless you show me some fax I never got, no.

Q: Did you have any contact in '95 or '96 with anybody about the NPF-RNC financial relationship? 9

. [4] A: In '95 and '96?

Q: Yes.

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A: No, not to my recollection. I had other things going on in my life.

Q: All right.

MR. WEINSTEIN: Can we get up and stretch our legs ing for a second, sir?

MR. ROBBINS: Sure.

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MR. ROBBINS: There is a large area of inquiry 1138

which, in deference to your request that counsel-additional 1141 (15) counsel be present, we are willing not to begin today, on the condition, obviously, that you and Mr. Reed-that Mr.

Reed, in any event, will return to complete his deposition

reasonably promptly.

| MR. WEINSTEIN: Our position is really clear, and | Reg. | I don't think that you will be upset by it. Mr. Reed is | Rej. | here voluntarily. He is prepared to answer all questions.

Counsel for Dole for President could not be here. We will talk to them about the rescheduling of this. I don't know [24] Mr. Reed's schedule. I don't know Mr. Gross' schedule, but

es when this is done, we will sit down and we will get out a

Page 199 Page 202 [1] calendar and we will get them altogether. (1) Reed was executive direct MR. ROBBINS: Yes. I would prefer that we work MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. (3) this out without a formal Committee thing, and I am sure we THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I believe it was 25 a year, which mostly paid for to have an office and overhead. [4] can MR. WEINSTEIN: I don't think-as I said he is BY MR. SKLAMBERG: 157 15 in here voluntarily, and I want to make sure to puton the Q: How was that figure arrived at? Did they submit a 161 77 record this, and I don't know what your plans are. Maybe 7 budget? (8) Mr. Shaw does or he doesn't. I don't know, but in the event A: Yeah. They submitted a budget request to the [9] that Mr. Reed is called to the next stage of these 191 Budget Committee. The Budget Committee approved a budget. Q: And all the auxiliary groups submitted similar [10] proceedings, he will appear before the entire Committee [11] voluntarily. We only ask-he is a sole proprietor of a [11] [12] business. So we only ask that you give us some notice-A: Yeah. 1121 MR. ROBBINS: Okay. Q: Who was on the Budget Committee? 1139 MR. WEINSTEIN: -because this is-when you are MR. WEINSTEIN: When? [14] [15] out of the office, there basically isn't an office. (15 BY MR. SKLAMBERG: MR. ROBBINS: Okay. Q: At the period that you were the chief operating [16] [16] MR. WEINSTEIN: But he will appear voluntarily. [17] 1177 officer. Do you have any sense as to whether or not this is A: I believe eight members. It was made up of eight [16] in going to happen? I mean, I'm not asking you for any sort of (15) members. I don't remember who. guarantees, but in order for him to plan his life, because (20) Q: Okay. Who chaired it? [[Ri] he has clients that ask him to make commitments, can you A: I believe Al Poidovant from Georgia was the [21] [22] give us a ball-park estimate of something? 227 chairman, but I don't remember. MR. ROBBINS: I cannot. Q: Poidovant? 7231 23 [24] MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. A: Poidovant. (24) THE WITNESS: We'll wait until we get it. Q: Okay. And were you on the committee? [25] (25) Page 200 Page 203 MA. WEINSTEIN: But I want to make clear, he was appear voluntarily at a proceeding before the full MR. WEINSTEIN: But I want to make clear, he will A: I wasn't formally on the committee, but I would go to the Budget Committee meetings and make the presentation [7] Committee for the budget to the committee members because-MR. ROBBINS: Okay. That said, I'm going to ask Q: Okay. So they submitted-Mr. Sklamberg to inquire on a discrete and, I think **#141** A: -I was the one that knew the budget. in relatively short line of inquiry, and we will probably Q: So they submitted a formal writtensuspend today earlier than we otherwise would have because A: I don't remember if it was ever formally written. approximately we have agreed to defer certain other lines of questioning. just remember we decided what we wanted them to be. MR. WEINSTEIN: Agreed. Fair. Thank you. Q: Okay, but someone there said to someone in the fig [Discussion off the record.] Finance Committee or you, we want X amount of money? (101 figur BY MR. SKLAMBERG: A: Yes. [11] Q: "Short," unfortunately, is a relative term, but 1 Q: Okay And the someone they spoke to, was that you 1127 1112 [13] think this won't take all that long. or was that someone cise? I want to ask you some questions about Republicans A: I don't remember any specific conversations. It 1141 (14) was someone in the organization, probably on the Budget [15] Abroad. (16) A: Okay Committee. 116 Q: And if you could just describe to me what in Q: What other organizations did the Budget Committee 1171 (177 (18) general terms Republicans Abroad does ing decide the funding of other than auxiliaries? Did they A: Very little. Republicans Abroad is, I believe, an [19] 119 decideofficial auxiliary club A: None other. (20) 20 MR. WEINSTEIN: Do you know whether it is, or are Q: Okay, just auxiliaries. [21] (21) And what was the auxiliary that received the (22) you guessing? (22) THE WITNESS: I'm not-I'm pretty sure it's an highest amount of funding? [23] 22 MR. WEINSTEIN: In which year? [24] official auxiliary, but I'm not sure. 124 BY MR. SKLAMBERG: BY MA. SKLAMBERG: [52] **29**] Page 261 Page 204 Q: What is an auxiliary? Q: In the years that you were at the RNC? [1] A: I believe the Young Republicans or the College A: It is an organization that has been recognized by 4 the Republican National Committee as a part of the 131 Republicans. Republican National Committee. Q: What was that? [4] Q: Give me some examples other than-A: About \$100,000 a year. B A: The Young Republicans, College Republicans, Q: Did any of these groups submit written budgets? Republicans Abroad, and I think there's something called the A: Oh, yezh • m (8) Heritage Foundation or the Republican Heritage Group or Q: Okay, but Republicans Abroad, you don't know if-A: I don't remember the Republicans Abroad submitting something Q: To what does it entitle a group when it's an .gim one They could have. auxiliary group? Does it just mean they can use the Q: Okay. [11] A: These were all managed out of the office of the 112. Republican name or-מיו co-chair. So they may have had a process that they went A: I believe it entitles them to attend the two [13] through with the co-chair's office. [14] annual meetings for the Republican National Committee, the [14] Q: The co-chair at the time that you were at the RNC [15] Summer and the winter meeting, and I believe it allows them [16] to use the logo for whatever activities they do. Besides (16) 117; that, I don't think it involves anything. A: It was Jeannie Austin. ריו Q: Jeannie Austin, okay. Q: Does it involve any funding from the RNC to the Who headed Republicans Abroad when you were at the [19] organizations? [19] A: Yeah. I believe we fund it at \$25,000 a year. , 20 (2CI Q: Okay, \$25,000 a year. A: i believe it was Barbara Hayward. (21) MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Sklamberg, is your question as [22] Q: How was she chosen? A: She was there when we got there. She's probably [23] to the time frame when Mr. Reed was executive director or as 123 [24] to now? still there

Q: How were the heads of the auxiliary organizations

MR. SKLAMBERG: My time frame is as to when Mr.

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Page 205 Page 208 [1] whatever you would call it-[i] chosen? A: They have their own bylaws and rules, and they'd MR. SKLAMBERG: Right. MR. WEINSTEIN: -is that on the original, is that [3] go through some type of a-I guess an election. (4) on your document, or did you all do that? Q: Did the choice have to be ratified by the RNC? MR. SKLAMBERG: I do not know. A: No. I believe it was just as long as the rules in and regulations they submitted were followed properly, we MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, you just didn't pick this up when you were trotting it on in here. I mean, was the would agree to it. m Q: When you were at the RNC, how often did you speak document that you originally started with-[8] MR. SKLAMBERG: Sir, I can only say to you, I do with Ms. Hayward? [9] (10) not know. [10] A: Probably once a year, right before the budget [11] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, who would know? [11] Lime MR. SKLAMBERG: I can just tell you I did not Q: Did you speak with William Ali Mills? (12) [12] A: I think I spoke to him once or twice. He was like [13] know, and I intend to ask questions about the document, and [13] [14] you can put your comments on the record, which they already [14] her executive director. Q: So he was the number two at the Republicans (15) (15) are. BY MR. SKLAMBERG: Abroad? [16] [16] A: Yeah. Well, he was the executive director, yeah. Q: For the record, describe the document. It's a (17) 1371 [18] Q: What did you discuss with them? (14) document on Republican Abroad-Japan stationery dated August A: The only conversation I remember was a question 20, 1995. "Dear Americans and Friends"-and it's-you read-read the document, Mr. Reed? about trying to raise their budget. They had a bigger (50) MR. WEINSTEIN: No, he doesn't need to read it. budget request in. (21) 1211 Q: Was their request acceded to? The document-22 A: No. THE WITNESS: It's dated 1995. [23] [23] MR. SKLAMBERG: Okay. Q: What-[24] [24] MR. WEINSTEIN: The document speaks for itself. MR. WEINSTEIN: Mr. Sklamberg, I have let you all (25) Page 206 Page 209 (1) march into this because I wanted to see if something BY MR. SKLAMBERG: (2) developed. My understanding is that the mandate of the Q: I'm going to direct your attention to the last Committee, your legal authority as well as Senator pa line of the document. It says Republicans Abroad-Japan [4] Thompson's recent order elaborating on your legal authority 4) activities are not only open to Americans, but to those of other nationalities interested in the American political (5) do not cover any of the questions that you are asking. So I will interpose an objection, and I will ask you to ask the During your period-well, first of all, do you next question, and we will see where we are going from here. have any knowledge of Republicans Abroad's fund-raising MR. SKLAMBERG: Well, I would ask you-I will ask activities? some further background questions from Republicans Abroad. MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, if you want to ask A: No. [10] [11] background, I think that's fine, but I can't tell anything Q: Are you familiar with any activities of [11] that deals with the 1996 Federal election campaign, even as Pa Republicans Abroad-Japan? A: No. This document is dated 1995. I was long [13] interpreted by Senator Thompson or by the Senate resolution [13] [14] that authorizes you to legally ask him questions. (14) MR. SKLAMBERG: I'd ask that you be patient. Q: | understand. [15] :[19] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, I'm not really The document, in the box to the document, there is 116 an announcement. It says Haley Barbour, chairman of the 1171 necessarily-I think I have been patient for the last 15 or 20 minutes. I'm going to ask you to show some relevancy or [18] RNC, will be in Tokyo, and it goes on to say that you will [18] ing be attending a Republican Abroad-Japan event. Are you we're not going to answer any more of these, or I'm going to (20) recommend that the witness not answer them. [20] familiar with that event? MR. SKLAMBERG: Okay MR. WEINSTEIN: But he was-(21) [21] THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. SKLAMBERG:

Q: In general terms, what were Republicans Abroad's :23 operations and objectives? :24]

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A: In general terms, they were to create enthusiasm

[1] for the Republican party.

Q: Did you or anyone in the RNC give advice to is Republicans Abroad or communicate with them about their ACLIVITIES?

A: I believe the office had a co-chair that is communicated with them regularly.

Q: Did you have any input in that communication?

A: No. It was not a top priority.

Q: I am going to show you a document.

MR. SKLAMBERG: I would like to get thus admitted. (10) jii; please

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(13) marked for identification.) [14] MR. SHAW: Again, let the record reflect that this

1151 document does not have any Bates numbers, and also, there's

a bunch of notes on it and some redactions (15)

[17] I'd like to ask Minority counsel, do you know the

[18] source of this document?

MR. SKLAMBERG: I do not. [10]

MS. SHAW: Has this document been produced to the [20]

[21] Majority?

MR. SKLAMBERG: I do not know. [22]

MR. WEINSTEIN: Can I ask a guestion?

MR. SKLAMBERG: Yes. [24]

MR. WEINSTEIN: This notation or obscuration,

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[1] Weinstein.

THE WITNESS: No.

BY MR. SKLAMBERG:

Q: Okay Are you familiar with any Republicans Abroad events that Haley Barbour attended?

MR. WEINSTEIN: Wait. Whoa, whoa, whoa. During what time frame? Because that makes a big difference

MR. WEINSTEIN: He was gone. This was August

MR. SKLAMBERG: He's answered the question, Mr.

whether or not it's within or outside the mandate.

MR. SXLAMBERG: Any time frame MR. WEINSTEIN: No, no, no, no Well, I'm going

(11) to say if the witness-if the witness has knowledge of any

(12) events that Haley Barbour attended pertaining to the 1996 election cycle, then-[14] MR, SKLAMBERG: All right. I-

MR, WEINSTEIN: -I think that's a fair question. : [15]

it it pertains to Haley Barbour attending Republicans Abroad represents in the '93-'94 time period, I'm going to instruct the

[18] witness not to answer that question, as it not being | 199 authorized by law. | 120 MR. SKLAMBERG: Okay. I will ask the following

[21] question.

BY MR. SKLAMBERG:

Q: Are you familiar with any Republicans Abroad [24] events that Haley Barbour attended in 1995 and 1996?

A: No.

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[1]	Q: Okay. Are you familiar with any events Harey	. ala e . ,	<b>F91</b>	that thi	Pego : this document does not have a Bates number on it.	<b>214</b>
	Barbour attended, Republicans Abroad events, in 1993, 1	994?	[2]		ounsel, do you have any idea where this document	
[3]	A PER A SECRETARIA DE LA CASA DEL CASA DE LA			came fr	from?	
	clearly outside the scope of your mandate. You are not		[4]		R. SKLAMBERG: No, I do not.	
	legally entitled to answer that question. I am going to		[5]		R. SHAW: To your knowledge, has this document	
161	direct the witness not to answer it.				produced to the Majority?	
(7)	445 Aug 1145 Aug 1		[7]		R. SKLAMBERG: I do not know.	
[8]			(8)		R. SHAW: Thank you.	
ĬĐ,					R. SKLAMBERG: For the record, this is a document	
[10]		se .	,		is titled Factual-	
[11]	and the same of th	-	[11]		A. WEINSTEIN: Dated?	
	anyone at the RNC about Republicans Abroad's fund-rais	เม่ตอ	[12]		R. SKLAMBERG: I believe it's-	
	overseas?		[13]		R. SHAW: It's Exhibit 9, right?	
[14]	Back through defining the second second		[14]		R. SKLAMBERG: Yes.	
	question. I believe he's already answered it.		1 .		es not have a date.	
[16]			[16]		BY MR. SKLAMBERG:	
[17]			[17]	O: It	It does, however, on the second page of the	
[18]			1		ment refer to an event-refer to April 18, 1995. So	
[19]			1 -	_	would indicate-	
	place at the RNC regarding fund-raising activities outside		[20]		R. WEINSTEIN: Can I see this, sir?	
	'a _a	•	1		R. SKLAMSERG: On the second page of the	
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(22)			1.		ment, at the end of paragraph four. That would indicate	
[23]				nit ooc	ocument was written after that date.	
(24)			124	A. C.	BY MR. SKLAMBERG:	
	fund-raising practices of the auxiliaries.		[29]	<u>u: c</u>	Can I turn your attention to paragraph number	
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- [3]	BY MR. SKLAMBERG:		(1)	eight of	of the document? It is entitled Financial	
[2]	Q: Okay. So none of the auxiliaries, to your				ularities. It says financial irregularities are	
131			[3]		cteristic of Republicans Abroad.	
[6]			[4]		R. WEINSTEIN: The document speaks for itself.	
. <b>(2)</b>	fund-raising?		123	MA. S	A. SKLAMBERG: Okay.	
- <b>†</b> €	A: No.That's not-		(6)		BY MR. SKLAMBERG:	
្ឋា	MR. WEINSTEIN: That's a different question.		(7)	Q: D	Did the RNC have any oversight over the	
(8)	THE WITNESS: That's a totally different question.		(4)	fund-rai:	raising activities of Republicans Abroad?	
, 197	MR. SKLAMBERG: Well. assuming-		19	A: No	No.	
(10)	MR. WEINSTEIN: During what tume period?		[10]		Did it have any oversight of the fund-raising	
(19.1)			(11)	activitie	ties of any of its auxiliary organizations?	
[12]			[12]		Only if they involved the Republican National	
	can't-Mr. Sklamberg, if it deals with the '93-'94 time	i	[1:3] (	Commit		
	period, it is outside of your legal authority to ask it. I		[14]	<b>G</b> : <b>W</b>	Which organizations involved the Republican	
	think it is-I think there is no reason why you have to	+	{1 <b>5</b>		nal Committee?	
	exceed your mandate in this way. It is absolutely illegal.		[ref		Well, we may-I believe we lent or we rented one	
[17]	It is improper.				r donor lists to the College Republicans or the Young	
[18]	MR. SKLAMBERG: I disagree wholeheartedly				blicans at one time. So, for a transaction like that,	
[48]	MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, it is great that you can		(10)	MG MOR	ould need to approve the letter that it would go out.	
	disagree.				ever did anything like that for the Republicans Abroad	
[21]	Formulate your questions. I will direct the		[51]		'm aware of.	
[22]		i	72]		So the oversight of the RNC over auxiliaries	
[33]					red only with regard to events that the RNC paid for?	
[24]	MR. SKLAMBERG: Absolutely. I will formulate my	į	i <b>[54]</b>		No, not events, but things like renting a list	
52	questions and-	:	<u> </u>	that we	ve were directly involved in, a fund-raising list.	
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<i>{</i> 1]	MS. BRIGATI: Can we take a break, Martin?	:	1 (2)		Okay. Did Rep: blicans Abroad ever send the RNC	
[2]	MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes, that would be fine.		23 1	such a li	a list?	
	[Recess.]			A: No	Not to my knowledge, no.	
[4]	MR SKLAMBERG: Can you replay my previous		(4)		Did it ever send the RNC a voter registration	
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(6)	The Reporter read back the requested portion of		(m)	A: No	Not to my knowledge, no.	
	the record		[7]		Are there general-were there, when you were at	
[8]	THE WITNESS: The answer is they did communicate				NC, general procedures in place about audits of	
[6]	with the RNC about fund-raising through the co-chairma	n's			uxiliary organizations, say, major donor groups?	
	office where they were directed to report.		[10]		L WEINSTEIN: Audits in place by whom?	
[11]	BY MR. SKLAMBERG:		[11]		I. SKLAMBERG: Audits by the RNC of, say, Team	
[12]	Q: Okay Were these communications in writing?		ו נציון.			
[13]	A: I don't have any idea, but I know they managed	1	, [1 <b>3</b> ]	THE	E WITNESS: No.	

(1) [2] [3] [5] [6] (7) [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] SOME [15] Q: Okay And were you privy to any of these [16] communications? [17] A: The only time I got involved with communications (18) from the auxiliaries was when they were interested in [19] budget. The rest, I had nothing to do with. MR. WEINSTEIN: Are we done with this, sir? [20] MR. SKLAMBERG: Yes. (21)

I would like to mark this as an exhibit, please.

BY MR. SKLAMBERG: [14] Q: Okay. (15) A: Because you're-no. The answer is no.
MR. WEINSTEIN: Team 100 or-you're talking about [16] [97] different things.
MR. SKLAMBERG: ! know | am. , (14) :[19]

THE WITNESS: But the answer is no. BY MR. SKLAMBERG:

Q: Okay Team 100, the Republican Eagles-

| Q: -any of those organizations. Okay. | REST | Was there any discussion at the RNC that you're

[24] marked for identification.]

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251 MR. SHAW: Again, I'd like to note for the record

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Deposition of Scott Reed Special Investigation CONFIDENTIAL **July 11, 1997** Page 217 Page 220 [1] aware of about auditing? [1] A: Yes. MR. WEINSTEIN: When you say auditing, are you Q: We were discussing before-you said that was done because they didn't have-they were short of money? meaning like Price Waterhouse coming in and doing an audit-MR. SKLAMBERG: Reviewing-A: They were having cash-I believe they were going MR. WEINSTEIN: -or doingthrough a leadership change. They needed some help. I MR. SKLAMBERG: Reviewing the finances-[6] believe we did a letter for them, rented them our list-THE WITNESS: Of the Republicans Abroad? Q: Okay. [7] M A: -and helped them get on their feet. MR. SKLAMBERG: -of the auxiliaries (8) BY MR. SKLAMBERG: Q: Your list of what? D. (9) 2: Republican auxiliaries or Republicans Abroad or A: Donors. [10] [10] [11] other auxiliaries. Q: Your list of donors, okay. A: Yes. Did you make your list of donors available to 112 [12] O: There were discussions? 11133 other auxiliary organizations? 1131 [14] A: Yes. [14] A: No. Q: Can you elaborate? Q: I direct your attention to the last page of this [15] ្រែឡ A: We did an audit of the Republicans. I believe it ing letter. (17) was the College Republicans-(17) Q: Paragraph one-have you read paragraph one? [18] Q: Okay. (18) A: -to see where they were spending their money [19] [19] Q: Okay. Did the RNC oversee the FEC reports of any Q: And why did you do that audit? (20) 1201 A: Because if I'm not mistaken, they were having of its auxiliary organizations? [21] [21] MR. WEINSTEIN: During what period? inancial difficulties, and for us to help them get on their [22] BY MR. SKLAMBERG: feet financially, we wanted to see if they had a plan [23] Q: Financial difficulties meaning they didn't-[24] Q: During the period that you were at the RNC. [24] MR. WEINSTEIN: Can I ask you to explain to me A: I don't remember. (52) Page 218 Page 221 Q: Did they ever send those FEC reports to anyone at [1] what an audit of the College Republicans in 1993 or 1994 has [+] 23 to do with the 1996 Federal election campaign? pp the RNC? MR. SKLAMBERG: I view that, sir, as my duty is to [3] MR. WEINSTEIN: Who is they? BY MR. SKLAMBERG: [4] ask the questions MR. WEINSTEIN: I recognize you view that as your Q: The auxiliary organizations. 151 in duty, but if you-how does this relate to that? I mean, I'm A: I don't remember. Q: Did you ever see any of those FEC reports? not quarreling with your duty, but can you not make a m MR. WEINSTEIN: From the auxiliary organizations? minimal showing? BY MR. SKLAMBERG: MR. SKLAMBERG: I am-I am asking why it is you Q: From the auxiliary organizations. iro would audit. [19] MR. WEINSTEIN: Well, I'm not going to allow hum A: I think it's safe to say I never saw any of them. [11] 1[91] [12] to answer that question. Q: Did the RNC communicate with or have any advice or .[12] protocols or procedures that it gave to auxiliary MR. SKLAMBERG: Okay [13] (13) MR. WEINSTEIN: It has nothing to do with the 1996 organizations regarding FEC contributions and how to report 114) (19 them? (15) cycle. A: That's a question for the co-chairman's office who BY MR. SKLAMBERG: [16] Q: Why is it that the RNC would audit the Young managed the auxiliaries. I don't know. [17] [17] Q: I would direct your attention to paragraph three, Republicans, but not audit the Republicans Abroad? 1110 (161 MR. WEINSTEIN: During what time frame? in anonymous foreign bank accounts, monetary transfers between [19] foreign countries, and reports of money laundering using BY MR. SKLAMBERG: ,201 (21) Q: During the time frame-any time frame you were Republicans Abroad. Did the Republican party when you were at the RNC 22 1221 MR. WEINSTEIN: Okay. Well, if you won't specify maintain foreign bank accounts? (23) A: No [24] to it-(24) THE WITNESS: I can only talk about the time frame Q: Did any Republican auxiliaries maintain any (75 Page 219 Page 222 when I was there foreign bank accounts? 111 MR. WEINSTEIN: If you know. BY MR. SKLAMBERG: 7 THE WITNESS: I don't have a clue. Q: Okay Then talk about it. 7 BY MR. SKLAMBERG: MR. WEMSTEIN: No. I'm not going to allow him to 14 Q: Okay. Let's see. Do you know Charlotte Kennedy answer that question. That's outside the acope of the 13 mandate. Unless you can make some peripheral showing-Takahashi<sup>?</sup> MR. SKI, AMBERG: I have here an allegation from a A: Never heard of her, never met her. document dated after 1995 that the Republicans Abroad, which Q: Do you know Joan Shepherd? has the word "abroad in it"-A: Never heard of her, never met her. MR. WEINSTEIN: Yes, I understand that Q: And Barbara Hayward, you said you have met? (10) 1101 MR. SKLAMBERG: -engaged-had poor audits or A: Met a couple of times, yeah.

Q: You spoke with her-(11) [12] superficial and incomplete financial irregularities
[13] MR. WEINSTEIN: I understand, and I see the [12] 113 A: Once or twice. [14] document, but if you want to ask somebody what happened [15] during the 1996 Federal election cycle pertaining to this Q: -once or twice And about? [14] A: As I said before, about the budget. Q: Did you ever discuss with her the operations of ires document, that is fine 1160 1177

BY MR. SKLAMBERG: Q: If a group, an auxiliary group's finances were in (19) shambles, if their audits are superficial and incomplete. would the RNC audit that group, review their finances, give [21] them advice about how to maintain their finances better? A: That's a hypothetical question, I really don't-Q: Was that done with the Young Republicans? A: The fact that it was audited and reviewed? Q: Yes

the Republicans Abroad? ויין (10) Q: Now, Republicans Abroad, to your knowledge, did it [18 engage in voter registration of Americans living abroad? A: No. I believe it engaged in voter absentee ballot programs. I think that was the thrust of what it did (22) Q: Did the RNC offer any advice, communicate with, (53 have any input on those programs, communicate with the-A: Not that I'm aware of

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Q: -Republicans Abroad? [2] Did Republicans Abroad engage in any polling, to (3) your knowledge? A: Not that I'm aware of, no. Q: Did it engage in any-did it run any commercials? A: I have nothing to do with what it did. So I don't know.

171 Q: Okay, fair enough.

MR. SKLAMBERG: Actually, I believe that concludes [10] my questions.

MR. SHAW: Mr. Reed, I apologize. I do have a few [12] quick questions and one instruction I would like to make to [13] the court reporter.

I would like, if possible, if you could have each [15] document that was introduced at this deposition today. without the letter prefix of "R," certified where it has [17] been entered in the deposition, and in addition to the [16] documents that have-and that includes documents that do not (19) have any Bates number on them.

There are a few questions that we have about these [21] documents, the Majority has about these documents, which is 1227 where do they come from, who produced them, and why they [23] were introduced in a deposition today without any prior 24 notice to the Majority because some of these documents were 253 obviously not produced to the Majority. That's first.

[1] That's sort of a housekeeping matter.

(2) Second, before I get to my question, I would like to thank Mr. Reed for coming in today, giving his deposition (4) under oath voluntarily, and I am happy for his patience with [5] being asked the same questions over and over again at many #15 points in this deposition.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE MAJORITY . (7) == (8)

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BY MR. SHAW:

in Q: Now, getting to my questions. I have one broad question that I think is of interest to everybody involved ing with this investigation, the Majority and Minority, and it (13) is a very basic question, and that is, when you were [14] executive director of the Republican party, to the best of [15] your knowledge, was the RNC, that is, the Republican [16] National Committee, and the National Policy Forum, the NPF-are they separate organizations?

A: They were.

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Q: What makes you sure of that?

A: Because we took the legal precautions to make sure [21] they were set up as separate organizations and managed as separate organizations.

Q: At any time, to your knowledge, when you were [24] executive director of the Republican National Committee, did 251 the RNC ever solicit money from foreign sources?

A: Not to my knowledge, no. MR. SKLAMBERG: Define foreign.

MR. SHAW: Foreign meaning with companies or (4) citizens that are not-not United States citizens or United [5] States-owned. There are a few legal points here and there is with subsidiaries, but I am not going to get into that right [7] NOW

That is all I am going to have for you today, Mr

19: Reed Thank you very much for coming in, and I will turn it tiet back over to Mr Sklamberg

MR. SKLAMBERG: Okay. I have no further

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MR. SHAW: Thank you.

[14] [Whereupon, at 2.58 p.m., the taking of the

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